New Broussard Church to Be Blessed Tuesday

BROUSSARD, Feb. 12—Blessing of the new $154,000 Sacred Heart church at Broussard will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, with the Most Rev. Jules B. Jeanmard, Bishop of Lafayette, officiating.


Master of ceremonies will be the Rev. Albert Boumans, assistant pastor of St. Michael’s church, Crowley.

The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Wilton J. Labbe, pastor of St. Joseph’s church, Cecilia.

The celebration will include a dinner at noon for members of the clergy.

The blessing of the church will be a highlight of the 21-year pastorate of Father Kemps in Broussard. He was appointed there in July, 1933. Plans for the new church bore fruit in 1953 when the bids for the new edifice were opened on December 7, 1953.

Actual construction began in January 1954, with the blessing of the cornerstone conducted by the Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder, Auxiliary to the Bishop of Lafayette, on the patronal feast of the parish, the feast of the Sacred Heart, June 23, 1954.

The edifice of brick and steel is designed along Dutch lines with prominent tower and belfry and Romanesque detail.

The old church was moved to one side so that the new structure could be erected on the site of the old one, facing U. S. Highway 90. Father Kemps said. The old down, he pointed out.

Architects for the new church were Diboll and Kessels of New Orleans with contractor J. B. Mouton and Sons of Lafayette.