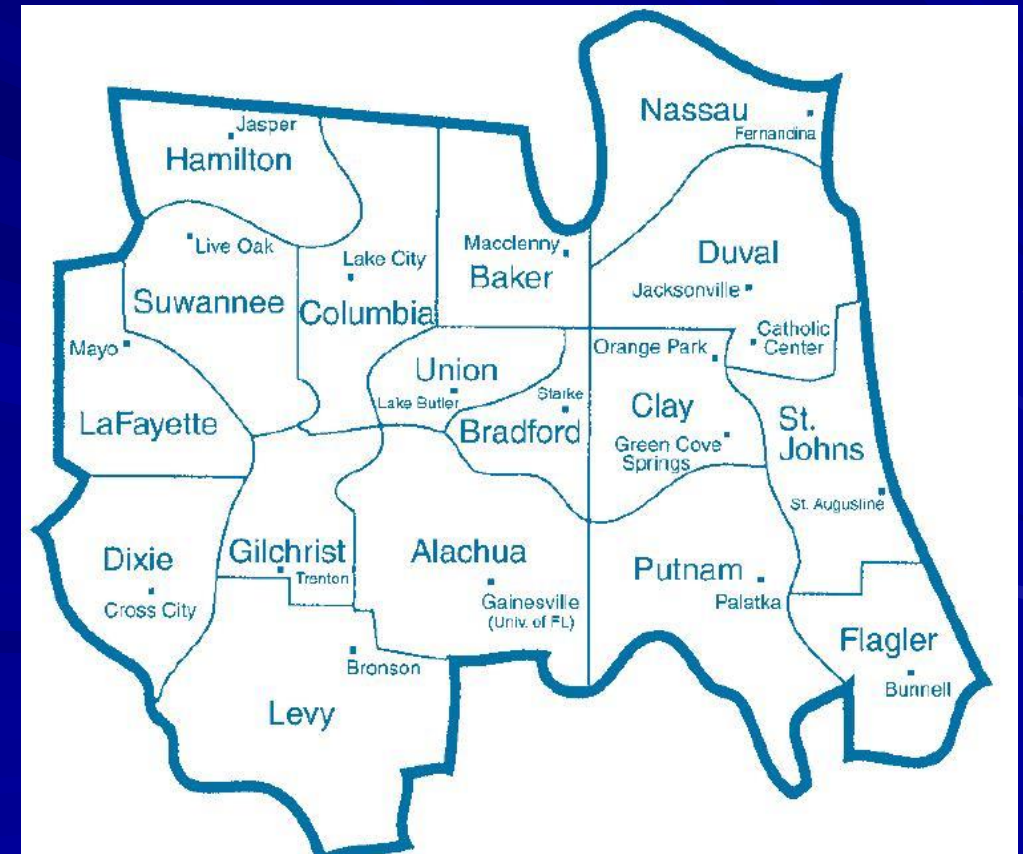


Historical Catholic Sites Diocese of St. Augustine and Beyond

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Diocese of St. Augustine

- 171,000 register Catholics
- 149 Priest
- 65 Deacons
- 52 Parishes
- 9 Mission Churches
- 4 High Schools
- 27 Grade Schools
- 1 Special Needs School
- 10,600 students



Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche

- In the early 1600s, the Spanish settlers of St. Augustine established the first Shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the United States.



Inside Shrine

- Today, more than 450 years later, an image of Our Lady of La Leche – Our Lady of the Milk and Happy Delivery – graces a small mission chapel in the heart of what is lovingly referred to as the “sacred acre.”



Our Lady

- Jesus is dressed in white for purity
- Crown denotes royalty
- Bare feet denotes humility
- Burgundy is the color of the Holy Spirit
- Blue is the official color of the Virgin Mary



The Great Cross was dedicated by Archbishop of Madrid through collaboration of Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Mission Nombre de Dios.

It is made of stainless steel and towers 208 feet above the Matanzas marshes.



Cathedral Basilica of St Augustine

- ❖ Founded on September 8, 1565, the present church building dates from its construction in the 1790's.
- ❖ The church became a cathedral when the Diocese of St. Augustine was established in 1870.
- ❖ Pope Paul VI designated the church as a minor basilica in December 1976 because of its historical and spiritual significance.



Inside the Cathedral



The Altar



The Ambo





Basilica of Immaculate Conception



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Inside the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception



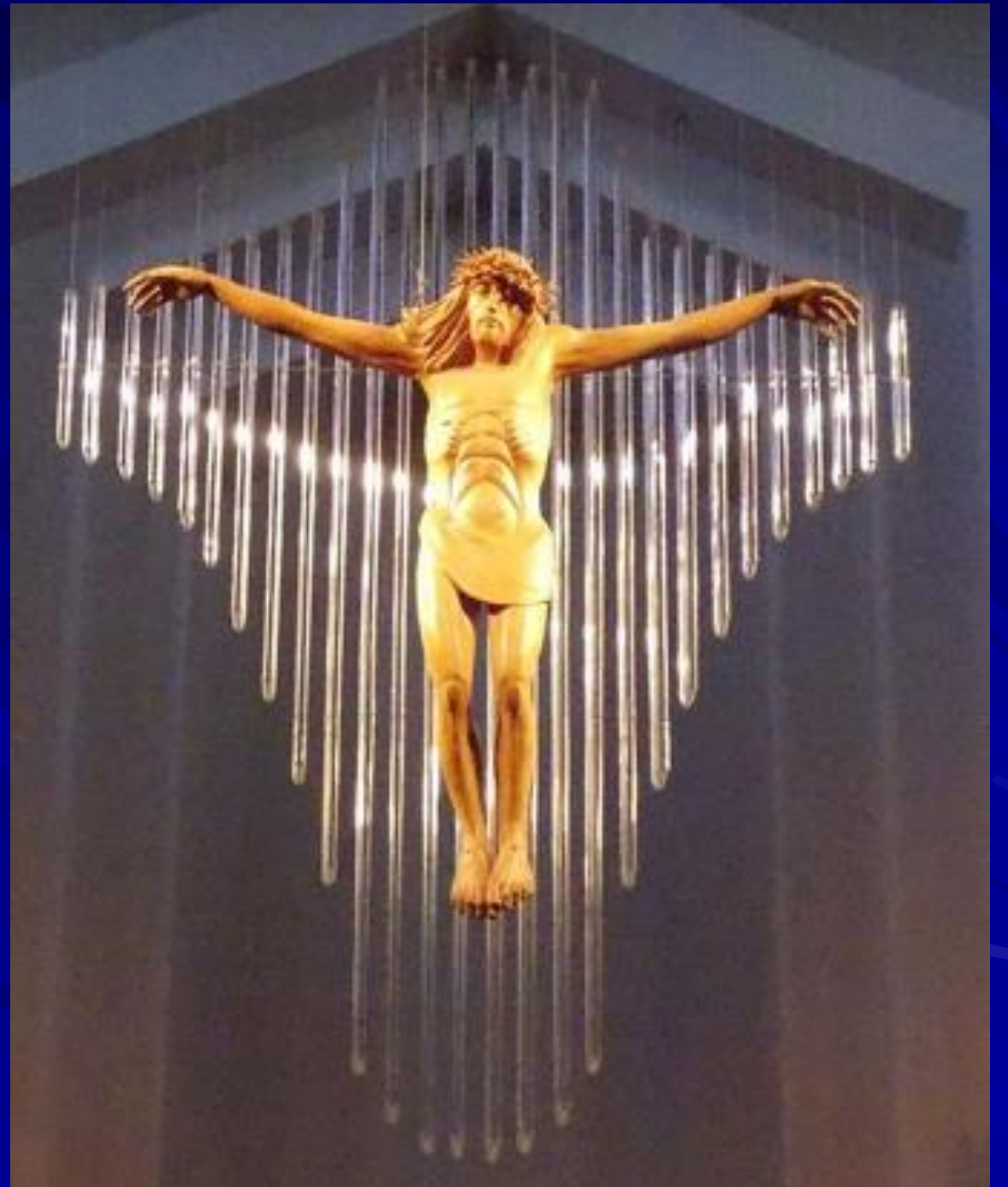
Mary Queen of Universe Shrine Orlando, FL

- Completion of the Shrine's first phase in 1986 brought a visit from Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Pio Laghi, who offered the Holy Father's personal blessing on the new ministry.





A 650-lb. sculpture of the Crucified Christ which, against an architectural glass backdrop symbolizing the shadow of the Cross, hangs suspended above the Main Altar. Depicted with arms outstretched but with a spirit of repose, this dominant image leads the faithful to dwell upon the suffering and sacrifice that was Our Lord's gift to humankind.





The Rising Christ sculpture is suspended at the rear of the nave. This striking piece of sacred art is carved from linden wood and weighs nearly 800 pounds - here is Jesus seeming to emerge from a shroud with - in the words of artist Jerry Kenar, "*one hand reaching down to us and the other, raising upward to the Father.*"





Looking down from the upper reaches of the Shrine Church would be a series of 16 clerestory windows - "The Rosary Windows" - to bath the area below with a soft translucence and help focus worshippers on the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Even more striking would be a series of 14 Magnificent windows that would unfold the Gospels and celebrate the Christian message.

Our Lady of Charity Miami, FL

This Shrine was built by the Cuban people to honor their patroness. The statue of Our Lady holding out Jesus in her hands is an invitation for the faithful to enter into communion with Him through the sacraments of penance and eucharist.



Inside the church is “The Wall” which is a painting depicting the religious history of Cuba.



Immaculate Conception Church Atlanta, GA

Atlanta was founded in 1837 and was first called "Terminus" because it was the end of the railroad line.

A large number of the railroad workers were Irish Catholics and a wooden church was built in 1848, the Church of The Immaculate Conception, with Father Thomas O'Reilly as it's pastor.

Father O'Reilly was a Confederate Chaplain and he persuaded Union General Slocum to spare his church and that of his neighbors.





Note the 54 ranks Pipe Organ in the rear of the church.



St. Josephs Catholic Church Macon, GA

Conceptualized in 1841 by 50 Catholic parishioners, but not started to be built until 1892 when the basement was finished, the edifice of this building was not completed until 1903.

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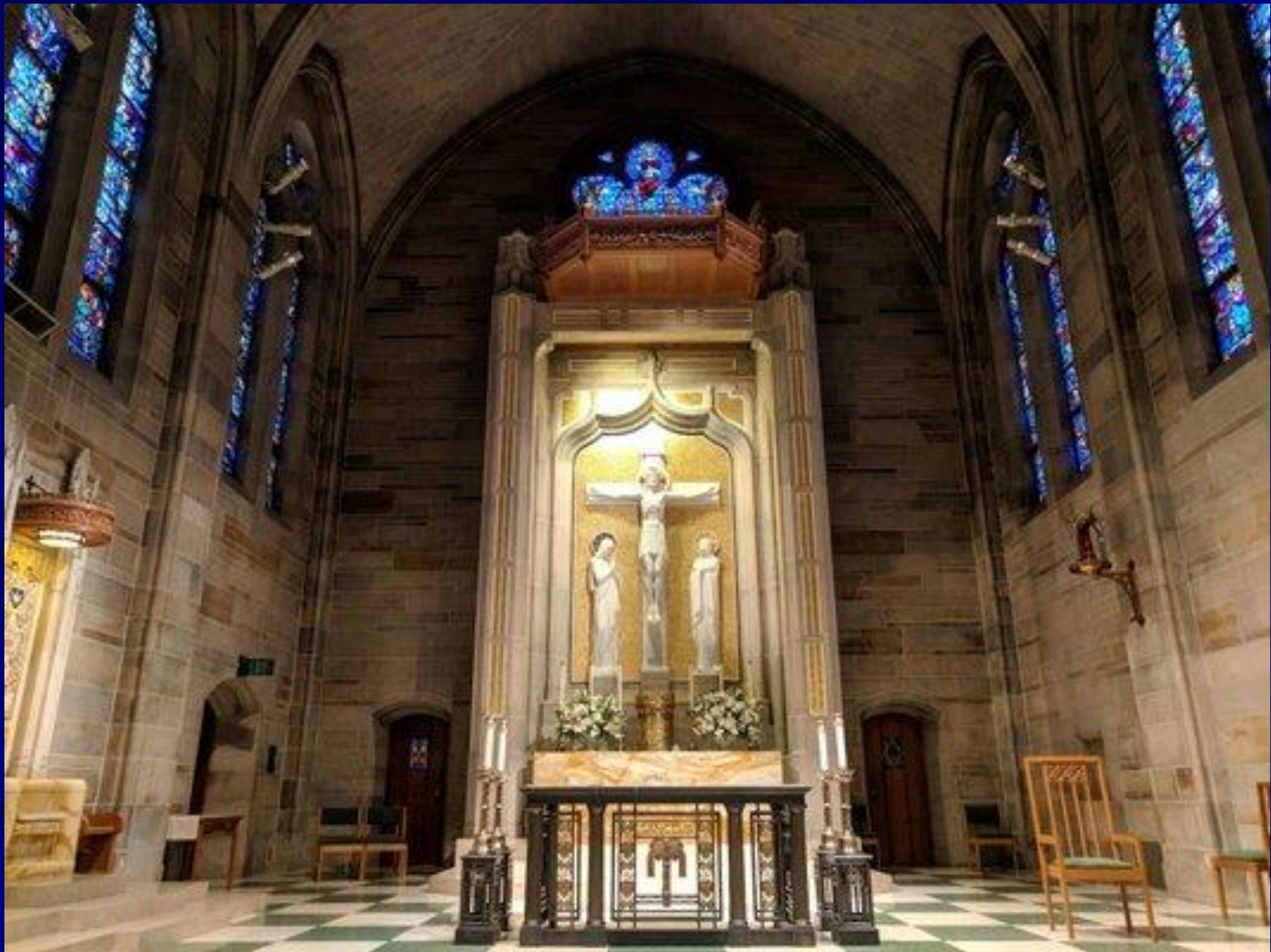
Cathedral of Christ the King Atlanta GA

Is the mother-church for the one million members of the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

At present, the parish is one of the ten largest congregations in the United States with over 5,500 families.











Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament Birmingham, AL

**In 1962 Mother M. Angelica
founded Our Lady of the
Angels Monastery of Poor
Clare Nuns of Perpetual
Adoration.**

**In 1980 saw the launching
of EWTN the world wide
Catholic television station
and in 1991 the chapel of
Our Lady of Angels
Monastery was declared
the Shrine of the Blessed
Sacrament.**





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