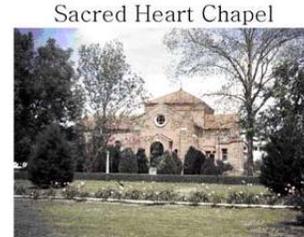




1st Chapel, 1896, in slave cabin



2nd Chapel, 1907



Sacred Heart Chapel

Dedicated 1934

HISTORY OF CARVILLE'S CATHOLIC CHAPELS

The first Catholic mass was celebrated in one of the slave cabins original to Indian Camp Plantation. Neither the State nor Federal government appropriated funds for building houses of worship, but two chapels were built through other means. In 1907, Archbishop Blenk dedicated the second Catholic Chapel for which money came mostly from a fund drive held by the Daily Picayune (now the Times Picayune) in New Orleans (\$7,000). Dr. Isadore Dyer (President of the Louisiana Leper Board), though not a Catholic himself, contributed \$1,000. According to Sister Benedicta, the Leper Home Chapel Society of New Orleans maintained it.

On June 8, 1934, Feast of the Sacred Heart, His Excellency John W. Shaw, Archbishop of New Orleans, dedicated the third and present chapel made possible through the \$35,000 gift of the Catholic Church Extension Society under the Presidency of Bishop William D. O'Brien, D.D. The Sacred Heart Chapel has a Romanesque entrance. The building was designed in Gothic revival style. An aerial view of the chapel reveals the shape of a cross.

List of Catholic Chaplains

Father Michael Colton 1896-97

Father J. F. Raymond (Pastor of St. Gabriel Church) interim priest

Father O'Farrell April 1897 - ?

Father G. B. Durant July 1898

Father Emile Peufier March 1900 interim priest

Father Joseph A. P. Fortier April 1900

Father Tracy April 1900

Father A.V. Keenan succeeded Father Tracy--date unknown.

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First mention in a letter 1907 and left in 1922

In Residence Catholic Chaplains

Father Benedict Stetter, OSB 1922-27

Father Maur, OSB 1927-28

Father Gardner 1928-32

Rt. Rev. Abbot Paul Schaeuble, OSB 1932-48

Father Joseph Marie Coulombe 1948-50

Father Vath--March 1950 - April 1950 interim priest

Father William Stein, CM April 1950-August 1950 interim priest

Father Berkowsky, CM August 1950-September 1950 interim priest

Father Edward L. Boudreaux September 1950-55

Abbot Francis Sadlier, OSB 1955-59

Father Alcuin Kammer, OFM 1959-61

Father Senan Kelly, OFM 1961-71

Father Jerome Kircher, OFM 1971-83

Father Reynolds Garland 1983-2003