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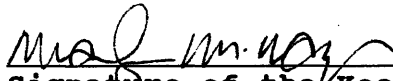
Old Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Property Name

Osceola
County

FLORIDA
State

Kissimmee MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

1/4/94
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 8

The nomination is amended to show that this church qualifies for listing under Criteria Consideration A, for religious properties.

This change was confirmed by phone with the Florida SHPO (1/4/94).

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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Old Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
other names/site number Wesley Memorial Chapel, Iglesia Metodista Hispana

2. Location

street & number 120 N. Sproule Avenue N/A not for publication
city or town Kissimmee N/A vicinity
state Florida code FL county Osceola code 097 zip code 34741

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Suzanne P. Walker / Deputy SHPO 11/18/93
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
State Historic Preservation Officer, Division of Historical Resources
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:
 entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)
Historic and Architectural Resources
of Kissimmee, Florida

**Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register**
0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Religion/Church

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Religion/Church

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Gothic Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick
walls Brick
roof Asphalt
other Brick: Porch

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1912

Significant Dates

1912

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Ledvina, George A. (Architect)

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Old Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Name of Property

Osceola, Florida
County and State

10. Geographical Data

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UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing
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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carl Shiver, Historic Sites Specialist

organization Bureau of Historic Preservation date _____

street & number 500 South Bronough Street telephone (904) 487-2333

city or town Tallahassee state Florida zip code 32399-0250

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Trustees, First United Methodist Church

street & number 101 West Daking Avenue telephone _____

city or town Kissimmee state Florida zip code 34741-5062

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Description

Summary Paragraph

The Old Holy Redeemer Catholic Church is a one-story, brick Gothic Revival style building located at 120 North Sproule Avenue, immediately north of the downtown commercial area of Kissimmee. The church was constructed in 1912 and features a variety of exterior and interior elements based on Gothic style ecclesiastical architecture. Chief among these are the battlemented entrance porch, wall buttresses, and the lancet arch motif of the stained glass windows. The most striking architectural feature of the interiors is the system of scissors trusses that support the ceiling. The building has gable roof and rests on a continuous brick foundation.

Supporting Narrative

The Holy Redeemer Catholic Church is located on the northern fringe of Kissimmee's downtown commercial area at the northeast corner of the intersection of East Mitchell Street and North Sproule Avenue. The building occupies the northern half of lots 1 & 2 of block 7 of the South Florida R. R. Co. subdivision. This structures and all of the other buildings on the block are owned by the First United Methodist Church, whose main facility is located at 215 Church Street. The other structures are the Sunday school (219 Church Street) and the church offices (116 Sproule Street). The former Catholic church is now the Wesley Memorial Chapel which also serves the Spanish speaking Methodist congregation of Kissimmee as the Iglesia Metodista Hispana. Buildings on the blocks surrounding the church property are commercial structures and those that are used by various department of the city government.

Building Description

The Old Holy Redeemer Catholic Church is constructed of load bearing masonry walls finished with red brick set in running bond. The structure is rectangular in shape and has a steeply pitched gable roof. There is a one-story, one-bay entrance porch on the main street facade and a small, one-story extension with a flat roof on the rear of the building.

Main (Northeast) Facade

The main facade of the building is dominated by a one-bay entrance porch featuring a high battlemented parapet (Photo 1). The parapet of the extension is modelled after a Gothic style

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battlement. Rectangular stained glass windows crowned by concrete label moldings are located on all three sides of the parapet or short tower. The porch is supported by red brick piers that have white concrete capitals and bases. The center of the entrance porch features a "Tudor" arch.

The facade of the church is framed by brick buttresses that support heavy corbelled caps that rise above the gable of the facade. The gable end is adorned with sawtooth coping. Three triangular fixed stained glass windows in the gable wall surround the upper half of the entrance porch. Paired sash windows with label moldings flank the porch in the lower part of the wall.

Southeast Elevation

The southeast elevation of the church exhibits a row of paired stained glass windows set in rectangular openings (Photo 2). The windows have label molds that touch the brick buttresses that define the window bays. The southeast elevation of the rear extension exhibits a plain, wooden door with a rectangular transom and a 1/1 double hung sash window with stained glass lights

Southwest (Rear) Elevation

The rear elevation reveals the upper part of the main and secondary gable roofs that cover the sanctuary and altar area of the interior of the building. The one-story flat roof extension is also visible.] (Photo 3). The gable end is clad with pressed metal shingles and has a tripartite stained glass window. The brick wall of the rear elevation has no windows and is where one finds the air conditioning units and electrical service boxes.

Northwest Elevation

The northwest elevation of the church is nearly identical to that of the south (Photo 4). However, the rear extension has two 1/1 double hung sash windows with stained glass lights but no secondary entrance. There is also a small brick chimney located near the center of the elevation.

Interior Features

On the of the church one finds a choir loft, sanctuary, altar, and sacristy. The choir loft is located above the main entrance at the northeast end of the building (Photo 5). The

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altar is located at the opposite end of the sanctuary (Photo 6). Doors on either side of the altar provide access to the sacristy. The most striking architectural feature of the sanctuary is the elaborate truss ceiling, which features carved drop pendants. The stained glass windows that line the north and south walls provide natural lighting and ventilation to the interior (Photo 7).

Major Alterations

The Old Holy Redeemer Catholic Church has retained most of its original features. The only major alteration occurred when all of the original stained glass windows in the building were replaced in 1978. That same year air conditioning vents were added to the rear of the building (Photo 3).

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Photographs

List of Photographs

1. Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 118 North Sproule Avenue
2. Kissimmee (Osceola County), Florida
3. Stephen A. Olausen
4. August 5, 1992
5. Historic Property Associates
6. Northeast Facade, Looking Southwest
7. 1 of 7

Numbers 1-5 are the same for the remainder of the photographs

6. Southeast Elevation, Looking North
7. 2 of 7

6. Southwest Elevation, Looking Northeast
7. 3 of 7

6. Northwest Elevation, Looking Southeast
7. 4 of 7

6. Interior, Trusswork and Organ Loft, Looking Northeast
7. 5 of 7

6. Interior, Sanctuary and Altar, Looking Southwest
7. 6 of 7

6. Interior, Stained Glass Windows, Looking Southeast
7. 7 of 7

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Significance

Summary Paragraph

The Old Holy Redeemer Catholic Church is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places at the local level under criterion C in the area of Architecture as a notable local example of Gothic Revival style design as applied to a small church.. The building is significant for its exterior and interior planning and for its various decorative details. The building was designed by Maryland architect George A. Ledvina in 1912 to serve the local Catholic congregation. The church contributes to the "Historic and Architectural Resources of Kissimmee" multiple property group as defined under sections E and F of the cover document.

Supporting Narrative

The Holy Redeemer parish of Kissimmee traces its roots to 1895, when a small group of Catholics began holding mass in the home of Mrs. Anthony Tress. The parish was formally organized as the Catholic Church of the Holy Redeemer in 1902. Monthly services were held by Father Fox, who lived in nearby Orlando, in the Kissimmee Theater on Stuart Avenue. In 1911, the growing congregation raised funds to purchase land at the intersection of Sproule Avenue and Mitchell Street on which construct a permanent home for its members. Architect George A. Ledvina of Baltimore, Maryland, was hired to design the structure and work on the church began in 1912. Labor to construct the church was provided by members of the congregation. The cornerstone of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church was laid on May 5, 1912, and the building was completed at a cost of \$7,000.

The building was used as a Catholic church until the 1970s when a new facility was built on Thacker Avenue in northwest Kissimmee. In November 1972, the structure was sold to the First United Methodist Church, which is located on the same block. In 1978 the building was renovated and renamed the Wesley Memorial Chapel. The renovation included the replacement of all of the original stained-glass windows. The building presently serves as a chapel for Spanish speaking members of the Methodist congregation.

Architectural Significance

The Old Holy Redeemer Catholic Church displays many of the defining elements of the Gothic Revival style. These include the

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use of pointed arches, a battlemented tower entrance, buttresses, corbelled brick decorative elements, and stained glass. The overall style of the building reflects similar trends in other parts of the United States for the design and construction of small churches of various denominations. The church has no direct stylistic antecedents but is an eclectic mixture of "medieval" forms derived from European ecclesiastical architecture or the Middle Ages and later.

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Boundary Description & Justification

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church is the northern half of lots 1 and 2 of block 7 of the South Florida R. R. Company Subdivision of Kissimmee, Florida.

Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses the lot upon which the Old Holy Redeemer Catholic Church was constructed in 1912. This structure and the others on block 7 are owned by the United Methodist Church; however, the other structures on the block are unrelated to the historical development of the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

OLD HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH SITE PLAN

