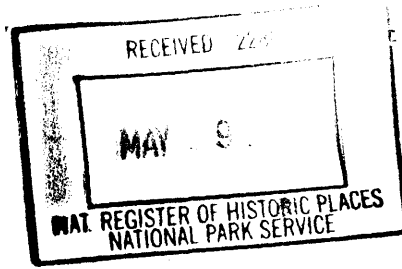


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 nominated, 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 400 East Third Street

other name/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number: 400 East Third Street N/A not for publication
city/town: Casa Grande N/A vicinity
state: Arizona code: AZ county: Pinal code: 021 zip code: 85222

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).

JAMES W. GAWRON ARIZONA 23 MAY 2002
Signature of certifying official Date

ARIZONA STATE PARKS
State or 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 commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this 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

Sarah D Pope 11/20/02

400 East Third Street
Name of Property

Pinal County, Arizona
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property Category of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

(Check only one box)

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

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

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>one</u>	<u>none</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>one</u>	<u>none</u>	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 Casa Grande, Arizona

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/ religious facility

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/ religious facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls BRICK

CONCRETE

roof ASPHALT

other STEEL

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 a 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

1950-1951

Significant Dates

1950

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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:

400 East Third Street

Name of Property

Pinal County, Arizona

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	12	429890	3637650	3	---	---
2	---	---	---	4	---	---

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

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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 the SHPO or FPO)

name N/A

street & number N/A telephone N/A

city or town N/A state N/A zip code N/A

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

400 East Third Street is located on a corner lot with a northeast-southwest orientation; the building is oriented on the site with the same orientation. Originally built and still used as a religious facility, it makes strong use of the Romanesque Revival style. The building is constructed of brick with a rusticated concrete block base course above the foundation. Significant features are the building's parapeted tower, gabled nave, arched openings, and smooth decorative brickwork façade with a rusticated concrete base course. The current condition of the property is good, as it is well maintained and still currently in use as a church. The building has historic integrity in terms of location, setting, materials, and workmanship. In terms of design, this building is not truly Romanesque Revival, as it was built at a much later date and has the more modern massing of a building of its own era. However, as this building is built in a small agricultural community, the style utilized for a particular building would not have always been the style of the moment nationally. Therefore, this building still has strong integrity in terms of feeling and association.

This religious facility is located within the original town site of Casa Grande, which dates from 1879. It is located on a corner lot located on the east edge of downtown and adjacent to a residential area. The shape of this building's plan is rectangular, with an exterior square porch attached to the southwest corner of the building. One story in height, the front façade is vertically divided into three bays. Constructed of brick load-bearing walls, the building also has a rusticated concrete block base course above the concrete foundation. The shape of the roof is front gabled with a portion of the wall on the front facing gable rising to form a parapet tower. A side gable is formed by the exterior porch entry. The structural system is comprised of load bearing walls of cast concrete on a concrete foundation.

Specific features of the building are its porch, windows and doors. The porch, which is an elevated entry vestibule, projects from the mass of the building to the side and slightly past the front façade. Two brick arched entries define sets of concrete stairs to both the side and the front. As this building is located on a corner, the emphasized porch entry addresses the secondary street rather than the primary street addressed by the front façade. This entry is emphasized through the use of an entry wall that rises as a parapet above the gabled roof of the porch. Other features of this porch are three rectangular attic vents on this emphasized entry façade, brick pilasters with molded, colored concrete caps that define the corners of the porch, and a concrete coping. The windows in this building are steel casement windows with large divided-lights and colored concrete sills. The entry door is a single wood-glass door on the side façade facing onto the covered entry porch. This building has extensive ornament for a building in Casa Grande. Important decorative elements include a blind arcade on the crenellated parapet of the part of the front façade designed to look like a tower, a concrete coping on the parapet, the suggestion of a pediment in the brickwork above the primary window on the front façade, brick pilasters suggesting buttresses surrounding the front façade window and entry porch, semi-circular arched openings for the porch entry and one of the front façade windows, a gabled nave with relief brickwork, a monochromatic brick finish, and decorative string courses. There are no outbuildings associated with this property, and there are no alterations to this building.

This is the one contributing element to this nomination; there are no non-contributing buildings.

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SUMMARY

400 E. Third Street is significant under Criterion C as a good example of a Late 19th and 20th Century Revival style under the context of Architecture in Casa Grande, 1900-1950. The building is a simplified late survival of the Romanesque Revival Style. The significant date for this property is the date of 1950, which is the date estimated for the building's construction. Indicative of the Romanesque Revival style is the use of monochromatic brick, an asymmetrical façade highlighted by arched openings, gabled naves flanked by towers with battlemented parapets. Other stylistic detailing includes the use of an enriched corbel table on the front façade, which is the brickwork in relief at the gable-shaped parapet and compound arches. Its simplified detailing represents its post-war construction date and the increasing availability of manufactured components in place of labor-intensive construction techniques and hand-made features. For instance, rather than exhibiting the subtle irregularities of color and texture in brick found on buildings of the Romanesque Revival era, the post-war version of the style utilizes smooth, uniformly-colored machined brick. This property has good integrity, as there appear to be no alterations to the building. There are only seven buildings of the Community Religious Facilities property type in the area considered by the Historic Resource Survey- Casa Grande, Arizona (Pry 1998). As a member of this property type, this building sits on a corner lot bounded by two streets adjacent to a residential area as is common to properties of its type. It also addresses both of these streets with its entry vestibule, a feature particularly common to this property type. It has architectural elements suggesting vertical height, a simple rectangular plan that forms a gabled nave, the front façade that is visually divided into three bays, as well as the division of the side facades into repetitive bays through repetitive fenestration. This property is owned by a religious institution for religious purposes; however, it nonetheless meets the qualifying criteria considerations, as it is a religious property that derives its primary significance from its architectural distinction within the community of Casa Grande. The property has very good integrity in regard to its architectural style and is therefore is a good candidate for listing as a member of its property type.

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

One informant suggested this building was built in the early 1940's, although the date is estimated to be at the later date of 1950. Little is known about the history of this property, as the 1922 and 1940 Sanborn maps did not cover this section of Casa Grande. The Romanesque style had generally faded from popularity by the turn of the century and was not commonly utilized as a 20th Century Revival style, but perhaps a parishioner admired an older church built in the Romanesque style and asked the builder to copy some of its design elements. This building with its use of brick as a primary material, and the level of detail employed on this building in comparison to other buildings in Casa Grande, suggest the prosperity that Casa Grande was enjoying at the time of this building's construction.

This building is also significant for its use of materials under the context of Architecture in Casa Grande, 1900 – 1950, as there are only thirteen buildings of brick construction This is the only brick building of this property type or of a public use; the other twelve brick buildings are of commercial or residential uses.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

See *Section I: Major Bibliographical References* of the Multiple Property Nomination form for Historic and Architectural Resources of Casa Grande, Arizona.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the 400 East Third Street property is lot 11-13 of Block 37 in the Casa Grande Townsite Plat of Casa Grande, Arizona.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary of the nominated property corresponds with the legal description of the property.

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Photo # 1 View: Northeast

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Date: September 4, 2001
Location of Original Negatives: Metropolis Design Group
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Photo # 2 View: Northwest

Photographer: Gabrielle Harlan
Date: December 7, 2000
Location of Original Negatives: Metropolis Design Group
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Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Photo # 3 View: East

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