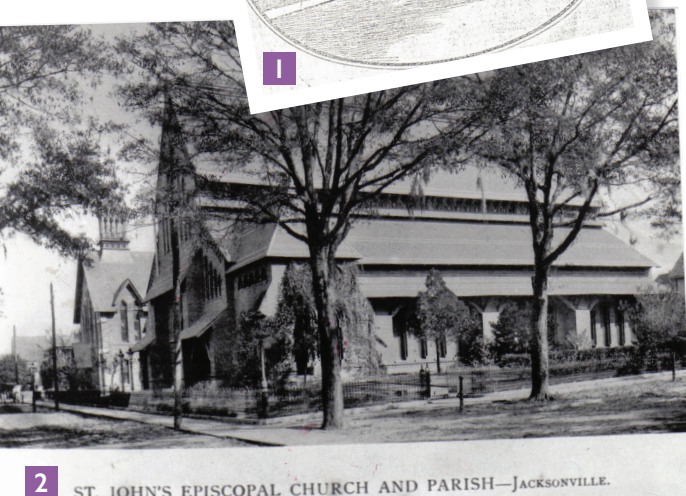# SAINT JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

## EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA



# A BRIEF HISTORY

For nearly 200 years, St. John's Cathedral has been in the forefront of spiritual leadership and community service in Jacksonville's urban core. Our first parish building stood on the corner of Church and Market Street, a spot known as Billy Goat Hill, the highest geographical point in Jacksonville, where the Cathedral stands today.

**1829** | First Episcopal services in Jacksonville held on the bank of the St. Johns River

**1834** | St. John's Parish incorporated by the act of the Territorial Council of Florida

**1838** | Diocese of Florida organized

**1851** | First church building dedicated

**1863** | Union soldiers burn St. John's Parish
*Photo 1: The temporary chapel constructed in 1868*

**1877** | Second church building dedicated
*Photo 2: The second building to house St. John's Parish, completed in 1894*

**1901** | Great Fire of Jacksonville destroys the second church
*Photo 3: The remains of the church after the Fire of 1901*

**1906** | Present church building dedicated
*Photo 4: The building we know today, erected in 1906*

**1951** | St. John's becomes the Cathedral of the Diocese of Florida

**1970** | Cummings Chapel constructed

**1983** | Major restoration and renovation of St. John's Cathedral

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When the population began moving to the suburbs in the 1960s, we felt strongly that God was calling us to stay here in the heart of the city. Since that time, the Cathedral has birthed a multitude of ministries to care for children and the elderly and to promote the arts, education, and healthcare. These ministries are now thriving nonprofit organizations serving the downtown and beyond.

1962 | Cathedral Foundation establishes Aging True

1966 | The Episcopal School of Jacksonville founded

1969 | Cathedral Foundation established Cathedral Rehabilitation Hospital, now known as Cathedral Care

1988 | St. John's Cathedral serves as a catalyst for the first funding of Habitat for Humanity of Jacksonville

1993 | Cathedral Arts Project founded

2002 | St. John's advocates for and contributes to Parks at the Cathedral

2004 | The Cathedral School for Early Learning founded

2017 | Cathedral District-Jax established

## LOVE *at the* CORE

Today, we continue to move forward with Love at the Core. We believe that by worshiping and serving God in the urban core, we can catch a glimpse of God's love. We'd love for you to join us. Visit our website, **www.jaxcathedral.org** to learn about how to get involved.

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