together with the parish house and the rectory, were destroyed by fire May 3, 1901.

The ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the present church was performed February 18, 1903, by Rt. Rev. Edwin G. Weed, assisted by the rector, Rev. V. W. Shields. The first service in the new church was held on Easter Day, 1906. It was consecrated May 15, 1911, by Rt. Rev. Edwin G. Weed. The cost of this church was $90,000.

St. John's church occupies an elevated site at the head of Market Street at its intersection with Duval Street. By ordinance of the city council, published July 25, 1870,

The lots of land in possession of the vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, fronting Market Street north of Duval, being 210 feet square, is and shall be held by said Church to have and to hold forever, Provided, always, That that portion of land which encloses the street shall be held by said Church exclusively for church and school purposes.

St. John's Parish also owns the former home of Mrs. Mary Packer Cummings, at Keystone Bluff on the St. Johns River, which she bequeathed to the Parish for the purpose of a home for children, with sufficient endowment for a limited number of children; it has been in operation for several years as a home for boys. In 1921, the Parish acquired by purchase the handsome dwelling at the southeast corner of Market and Duval Streets, which is now used as a community house, offices, and guild rooms. In May, 1923, ground was broken on the north side of St. John's church for the erection of a Church school and choir school, the building being a gift to the Parish by James P. Taliaferro and his daughters, Mrs. Jessie T. Hubbard and Mrs. Anna T. Lane, as a memorial to the late Mrs. Millicent J. Taliaferro; it was first used by the Sunday School October 5, 1924.

Mr. Henderson continued to hold occasional services in Jacksonville until the summer of 1834; in the fall of that year he was succeeded by a regular rector, Rev. David Brown. Mr. Brown remained for more than 10 years, he being succeeded in May, 1845, by Rev. John Freeman Young. Mr. Young was succeeded by Rev. Isaac Swart in 1848, and Mr. Swart by Rev. W. D. Harlow in 1851. Mr. Harlow was rector until Rev. W. W. Bours was called in 1855. In the memorable year 1857 (yellow fever epidemic) Rev. O. P. Thackara came to Jacksonville to do ministerial work in the stricken