plain brick building without spire or steeple. This church was destroyed in the fire of May 3, 1901.

The site for the new church was again changed, to the northeast corner of Ocean and Duval Streets, but still in the same block, all of which is now owned by the Church. Here on Sunday, April 7, 1907, the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the present edifice was performed by Bishop Kenny of St. Augustine. The basement walls of the church are of brick and rest on a foundation of reinforced concrete; the superstructure is of Kentucky limestone. The style is Gothic, with a tapering main spire surmounted by a cross 178 1/2 feet above the sidewalk. The building represents nearly four years of continuous work and an outlay of $160,000. This church was dedicated December 8, 1910, in the presence of 2,000 spectators of all denominations, by Bishop Kenny, assisted in the ceremonies by Bishop Foley of the Philippines, Very Rev. William McGinnis of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Rev. M. Maher, pastor of the church.

The Roman Catholic Parish of Jacksonville was not established until 1857. Previously, the residents of the town of this faith, few in number, received the ministrations of visiting priests from St. Augustine and Savannah. Worthy of note among them for their zealous and arduous work were Fathers Claude Rampon and Patrick Hackett, who resided at St. Augustine and visited Jacksonville at regular intervals from 1836 to 1843; and Fathers Benedict Madeore and Edmund Aubriel, who likewise resided at St. Augustine and visited Jacksonville from 1843 to 1858.

In 1857 the former territory of East Florida, which had been included hitherto within the Diocese of Savannah, was constituted a separate ecclesiastical jurisdiction as Vicariate-Apostolic, with Bishop Verot in charge. The first resident pastor at Jacksonville was Rev. William J. Hamilton, who came from Savannah in 1857. He was a man of remarkable organizing ability. After establishing the Church at Jacksonville on a solid basis, he was transferred in 1861 to a more important field of work in the Diocese of Mobile, where he died in a few years. His successor in Jacksonville was Rev. M. Penough, who remained until 1864.

After the War Between the States, Father Chambon and the Very Rev. Father Clavreal had charge of all the missions in Florida for several years, Jacksonville being their head-