quarters. After Father Clavreal, Father Laudry was pastor for a short time. Rev. Charles Gaboury was pastor from 1869 to 1872. The Very Rev. Father P. Dufau, Vicar-General of the diocese, succeeded him and remained in charge until his death in 1881. After the death of Father Dufau, Father Bernard O'Reilly was in charge until 1884. In June, 1884, Father William Kenny (afterward Bishop of St. Augustine) was appointed pastor at Jacksonville and retained charge until his elevation to the Episcopate in May, 1902. Father Kenny endeared himself to the people on account of his great charitable work at the time of the yellow fever epidemic of 1888 and the fire of 1901. The present pastor, Rev. Dr. Michael Maher, was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the elevation of Father Kenny. Upon assuming charge he was confronted by the enormous task of restoring the church, orphanage, convent, schools, and priests' residence, all destroyed in the fire of May 3, 1901, which entailed a loss of more than $200,000. The restored buildings stand today as a monument to his energy.

Baptist

The Baptist denomination was established in Jacksonville in July, 1838, by Rev. James McDonald and Rev. Ryan Frier. Mr. Frier was the State Missionary at that time. There were six charter members, namely, Rev. James McDonald and wife, Elias G. Jaudon and wife, and two colored persons—Peggy, a slave of Elias G. Jaudon, and Bacchus, a slave of William Edwards. Rev. James McDonald was the first pastor, and Elias G. Jaudon the first deacon.

The congregation increased, and in 1840, purchased the northeast corner at Duval and Newnan Streets, where a chapel was erected. This was the first church building erected in Jacksonville. It was a small wooden structure, with a seating capacity for about 100 persons. It had a square tower-like steeple in which was a bell. In front was a small piazza; there was but one entrance door. The Baptists sold this property to the Presbyterians in 1844, and then bought a plot of ground two miles west of the court house (Myrtle Avenue, between Adams and Duval Streets), on which they erected a small brick church. This building was partially wrecked during the War Between the States, as it was the scene of nearly all the fighting that occurred.