



ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Three-bay brick church constructed on a modified cruciform plan with an apse at the northern end. Double-leaf doorway with lancet panels is set in a compound four-centered arch at the first level of a four-story square tower which has round-arch balustrade with tall, pyramidal pinnacles at the corners. Lancet windows on all facades are set in compound pointed arches in slightly recessed bays with corbel tables. Gabled facades have corner buttresses, front and transept gables are parapeted with blind arcades.

ALTERATIONS:

ADJACENT BUILDINGS:

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Gravesite on eastern lawn.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Catholic missionaries were a group of Meridian's earliest settlers, coming to the area in 1853 from Paulding Co. Their first church was erected at this site in 1866 and a rock from St. Andreu's Church, IX Century, Lavandieu, France, has been incorporated into the cornerstone. Father Louis Vally, the church's pastor, came to Meridian in 1868 and was one of the city's most noteworthy early citizens. He organized the first fire-fighters brigade, helped obtain the convent in 1877, and worked continually during the yellow fever epidemic of 1878, calling on the sick and burying the dead. He was responsible for building the present church in 1886, and because of his outstanding record as a citizen, the City granted permission for him to be buried in the church yard, the only grave in Meridian outside a cemetery.

NAME: St. Patrick Catholic Church Diocese

STREET NO: 2614 Davis St.

TOWN/VIC: Meridian, Mississippi

COUNTY: Lauderdale

BLOCK/LOT: M & O Survey, lots 68 and 69

PRESENT OWNER: Catholic Diocese of Jackson
 ADDRESS 237 East Amite
 Jackson, Mississippi 39201

PRESENT USE:

FORMER USE: church

DATE:

STYLE: Gothic Revival

ARCH/BUILDER: Alfred Zucker/George S. Covert

SOURCE OF DATE: Cornerstone

ENVIRONMENT: Commercial

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

- NEIGHBORHOOD
- LOCAL x
- STATE
- NATIONAL

PHOTOS

NEG. #

ITE OR AREA PLAN WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Good

TREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Mobile and Ohio Survey, lots 68 and 69.

CREAGE: Less than one acre

TM REF:

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MERIDIAN MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA (PARTIAL INVENTORY)

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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