

DID YOU KNOW?



In the foundation of the statue of St. John the Baptist, which was erected in 2004, there are pieces of the original altar from the church that burned down.



The image of a mother pelican nourishing her young with her own blood is an ancient Christian symbol of Jesus. According to legend, when food could not be found, the mother pelican would pierce her breast to sustain her chicks with her very life. In the same way, Christ gives us His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist, offering Himself completely for our salvation.



Behind the church, on the southeast side, rests a small graveyard where the remains of former parishioners were interred during the 1980s and 1990s, before cemetery burials on parish grounds were no longer permitted. Sadly, we are unable to accept additional remains at this time.

Visit the site for the Queen of Angels Catholic Cemetery to learn about a Catholic burial site.
catholiccemeteriescfl.org/our-cemeteries/queen-of-angels-cemetery/

The Memorial Garden not only has bricks that commemorate loved ones but several plants have been donated in memory of someone.

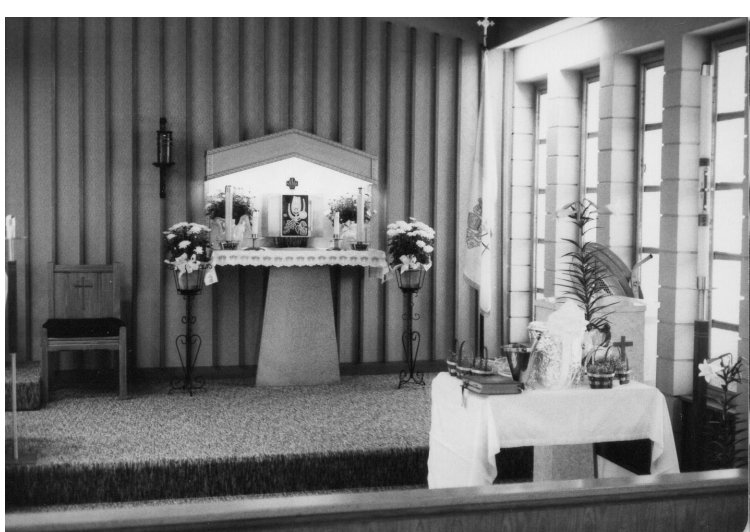


Unlike many Catholic churches, St. John's altar does not have a saint's relic embedded into it.

These are photos of the church that was located on Highway 41 and 25th Place, approximately six miles north of the current campus.



The original cross that was erected in the front of the campus was from wood pulled out of the Withlacoochee River. Three crosses have stood as the herald to our community.



The Memorial Garden is a sacred place of beauty and prayer, where memories are lovingly preserved. Commemorative bricks bear the names of loved ones and special moments, while living plants, gifted in remembrance, flourish as a sign of life everlasting. If you would like to add a remembrance to this garden of peace, please contact the parish office.