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Catholic

The first recorded mention of any Catholic priest at Corinth was the Rev. Francis Pont, a chaplain with the Confederate Forces in 1862. In April and May 1862, at least nine priests and two orders of nuns moved through the Corinth area helping the wounded of the Civil War. In 1872, a small church was built on the corner of Madison and Foote Streets, and around 1919, Corinth became a mission to St. James Parish at Tupelo.

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About 1869, the Catholics started a place of worship near where Mrs. Zola Graham's home stood in 1957. When about half finished, but still lacking a roof, a severe wind storm destroyed the whole building which was never rebuilt as there were only a few Catholics in town.

Many years later, Mr. Webster Price, building a small attractive church, built entirely by his donation of land and money. After his death the church was torn away by the Catholic Church and carried to Corinth, Mississippi. The land was then returned to Mrs. Mary Price.

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