

The Church Where True Confessions Was Filmed

St Joseph's Church

1901 – Brothers Adrian and Leonard

Original Location: 218 East 12th Street

Declared: 5/10/63

Okay. The first thing you should know about [St Joseph's Church](#) is that it isn't there anymore. It burned down just before first Mass on September 4, 1983, due to a glitch in the subfloor wiring. No one was injured, and the adjacent rectory with its twenty-one Franciscan priests wasn't damaged.

The roof collapsed, but the brick walls and the two five-story bell towers remained standing. Also, some things inside were spared, like the lead in the stained windows, a couple of statues and pictures, confessional doors, a few pews, and the antique vestments.

The Cultural Heritage Board tried to convince the archdiocese into at least incorporating the remaining steeples and walls into the planned replacement church, but, in mid-October, the city approved a demolition permit saying what was left of the old church was a safety hazard to the public.



[The site](#), and current St Joseph's Church, today





ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SANCTUARY.

