City has beautiful churches

Historic, scenic, quaint — Baton Rouge has an interesting and varied selection of places to worship.

The oldest extant church in the city is St. Joseph’s Cathedral, built in 1853. Located downtown at Main and Fourth Streets, the church has been burned and rebuilt more than once, but even today the present structure is an integral part of historic Baton Rouge.

Completed in 1895 in Gothic Revival architectural style, St. James Episcopal Church is another edifice of historical interest. Former First Lady Mrs. Zachary Taylor was one of the congregation’s founders. The chapel features three Tiffany glass windows over the altar, among the most beautiful in the city.

Several churches look out over the scenic University Lake area. University Methodist, University Lutheran, University Presbyterian and the Chapel are among the churches from which a lovely view of the lake area can be enjoyed.

Greater Baton Rouge also supports a number of quaint churches in the outlying areas of the city. Many of these are Baptist, the denomination with the largest number — over 150 — of places of worship in this area.

For a complete listing of all the places of worship in and around the Baton Rouge area, check the church listing in this section and in the “Yellow Pages” of the telephone directory.