5 St. Teresa Drive

Owner: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Contractor: Magee Ratcliff Construction, LLC
(Exterior Carolopolis Award)

One of West Ashley’s most iconic buildings, the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church building was constructed in 1962-1963 as the first permanent house of worship for the congregation. Incorporating Mid-Century Modern detailing, the building was designed with two 65-foot steeples toppled during Hurricane Hugo in 1989. Nearly 30 years later, these character-defining elements were reconstructed to restore the church’s historic appearance.

Working from the original 1960s drawings and period photographs, the project team designed new, custom-built steeples installed in August, 2019. The reconstructed steeples match the historic steeples in height and reflect the same star shaped profile. In keeping with the original design intent, and to better protect against potential wind damage, the new steeples were constructed of a fiberglass shell over a structural steel frame.