



Saint Odilia Catholic Church

Architect: Wendell Rossman

Location: 7570 N. Paseo del Norte
Date: 1970

St. Odilia Catholic Church is a dynamic and innovative example of structural exhibitionism. The flexible nature of glue-laminated beam construction made possible the creation of the tripartite domed roof. Stained glass clerestory windows bathe the three primary ridge beams in multicolored light, and articulate the dramatic structural form on the interior. These clerestory windows and the ridge beams appear as three intersecting fins of color from the exterior that terminate in concrete buttresses at the ground. The stained glass is repeated in the narrow vertical windows and inserts of the stepped masonry walls.

The St. Odilia Catholic Church is an outstanding example of the expressionist phase of Modern architecture in Tucson.

