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The San Francisco area has two of the most beautiful contemporary Catholic Cathedrals in the nation: St. Mary's (on this and the next page) and the Oakland Cathedral on the last 2 pages.



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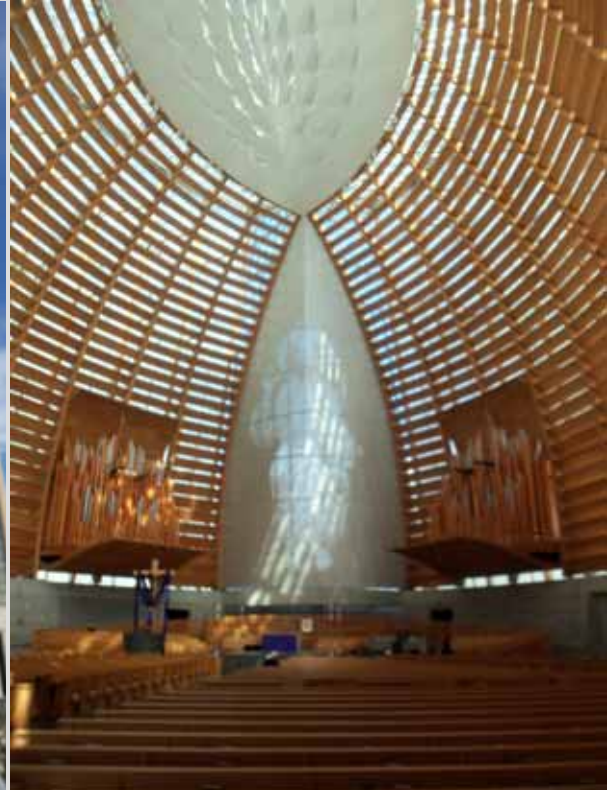


St. Mary's is a very awe-inspiring space due to its structural design. Four large concrete piers support the vaulted design.

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“Cathedral of Light”, in Oakland, is a spectacular structure. The exterior is all glass, but the interior is wood. The wood acts as a baffle to filter the light into the worship area. The design is very contemporary but uses many traditional religious symbols that blend well with the modern artistic aesthetic. A very unique and beautiful Cathedral.



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Below is a model of the Cathedral of Light. Note the glass exterior enclosure and the interior wood shell. The image of Christ is created by a perforated holes on a metal surface. (sample at right). The ceiling is also a perforated metal screen with angular projections that alter the light entering into the worship space (below right) . Very dramatic and inspiring design.



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