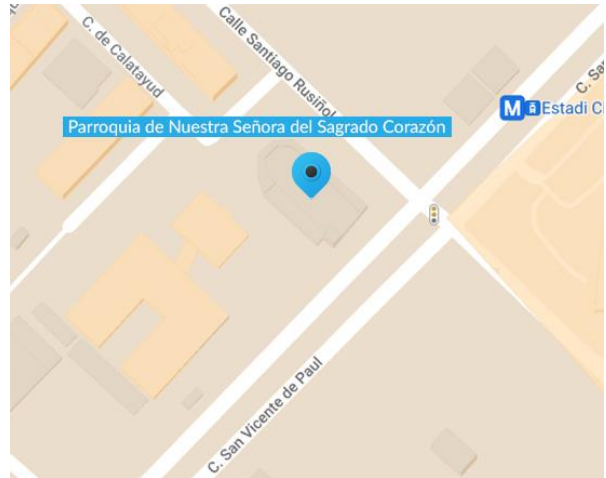
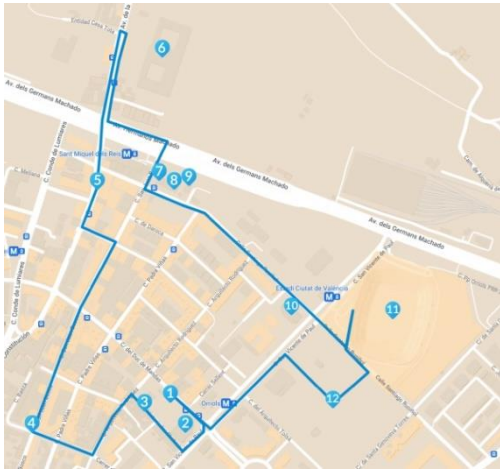


10. Nuestra Señora del Sagrado Corazón parish church



The parish church of Nuestra Señora del Sagrado Corazón is the church of the Convent of the Dominican Sisters of Santa Catalina de Siena, founded in 1491.

The convent and church complex was built on the grounds of the old Jewish cemetery, which was granted by Fernando el Católico to the dominicans; they were located in an area bounded by Pintor Sorolla street, Poeta Quintana street, Don Juan de Austria street and Monjas de Santa Catalina street, in the historic centre of València.

In the 1970s the plot was purchased to build well-known department stores (El Corte Inglés), which necessitates the demolition of the church and convent complex.

After public pressure and the verdict of a scientific commission responsible for appraising the monastery's heritage, an agreement was reached to preserve the church, while the convent was completely demolished.

The church of the Convent of Santa Catalina was moved stone by stone to its current site in the Orriols neighbourhood.

To dismantle it, a large scaffolding was erected and a false vault was built to allow the ashlar and other stone architectural elements to be extracted and listed to be relocated according to their original layout.

The parish church was opened in 1976 with the original vaults.

The perimeter walls were originally built using rammed stone, making it impossible to move them, which is why the current walls are of brick.

The church is an example of austere and elegant Gothic. It is 37 metres long and 12 metres wide.

Its floor plan is rectangular with a single nave and a roof supported by buttresses with side chapels between them. The polygonal apse is also supported by buttresses.

The roof is single-ribbed, in five rectangular bays, and elongated perpendicular to the axis.

How to get there on foot?

Go southeast for about 300 m along Santiago Rusiñol street towards San Vicente de Paul street.

At the crossroads with this street is the parish church of Alembics Nuestra Señora del Sagrado Corazón.