



1225 A fire destroys the choir of the old cathedral (Basse-Cœuvre), prompting the Bishop to decide to build a new structure.  (2)

1272 The choir is consecrated, and religious services can be celebrated there. It boasts the highest Gothic vault in the world at 47 meters!  (1)


1338 At the end of the choir reconstruction, it is decided to double the pillars, resulting in the vaults becoming sexpartite.

29 nov 1284 First accident: the choir vaults collapse at 8 p.m. due to the failure of the flying buttresses.

1348 Plague epidemic.


1453 The Hundred Years' War ends.

1500 Martin Chambiges begins the construction of the transept, reaching vaults of 48.5 meters.

1569 A spire on a lantern tower, reaching a height of 153 meters, is erected on the transept crossing.  (2)

30 avril 1573 On Ascension Day, the tower collapses after the procession has left, causing no casualties.

1793 The sans-culottes pillage and vandalize the cathedral.

1878 Installation of the astronomical clock by Auguste Vérité.  (2)

1940 The cathedral does not suffer too much from the bombardment of the city.

1960 The unsightly tie rods are removed, creating cracks 20 years later. Today, the cathedral is considered 'stable'.

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