

Church Windows

Our beautiful Church Windows were designed by White Studios, Inc., Sarasota, based on conceptual designs initiated and researched by Father Vincent J. Sheehy, Pastor. The Church Windows depict various National Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary from many countries throughout the world.

Devotion to Mary, the Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ is a long and sacred tradition dating from the First Century to our present age. We honor Jesus when we honor His Blessed Mother. Mary deserves our love and devotion since God chose Mary to be the Mother of Our Redeemer. Our Church Windows reflect this devotion to Mary over the centuries and throughout the world.

West Transcept Windows

Philippines: Our Lady of Solitude (Nuestra Señora de la Soledad). The Image of Our Lady, Patroness of the Philippines. Crown of thorns and nails symbolize the Passion of Christ. Porta Vaga, 1692 AD.

Symbol of Philippines - Philippine Flag.

Orient: Our Lady of the Orient, Patroness of the Orient. The Image of Our Lady and The Infant Jesus.

India, Korea, China, Japan, Cambodia, Thailand, Burma. St Frances Xavier, S.J. Apostle of the Orient, 1549 AD.

Symbol of Orient - Japanese Flag.

Africa: Our Lady of Africa, Patroness of Africa. Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Zaire, Liberia. St. Augustine of Hippo, North Africa, 388 AD.

Symbol of Africa - Ethiopian Flag.

North (Lobby) Windows

Papal Coat of Arms: Pope John Paul II. The Image of St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican, Rome.

Bishop's Coat of Arms:

Bishop John J. Nevins, D.D.,
Founding Bishop of the Diocese
of Venice. The Image of Epiphany
Cathedral, Venice, Florida.

Holy Spirit: Dove and Rays symbolizing
Inspiration. Four Evangelists: Matthew,
Mark, Luke, John.

Special Windows

Children's Room: (Cry Room): Jesus Blesses
the Children. *Let the little children come to
Me.*

Confessional Room: The Prodigal Son. *He was
lost and is found.*

Confessional Room: The Good Shepherd. *I am
the Good Shepherd.*

Chapel Portal Window: St. Bernadette
Soubirous. The Image of Lourdes Shrine,
France, 1858 AD.

Church Portal Windows (8): titles of Our Lady:
Immaculate Mary (2)
Mystical Rose (2)
Queen of Heaven (2)
Most Pure Virgin (2)

East Transcept Windows

Austria: Our Lady of Austria, Patroness of
Austria.

The Image of Our Lady and Infant Jesus.
Marizell Shrine (Mary Chapel) 1157 AD.

Baltics: Our Lady of the Baltics, Patroness of
the Baltics. The Image of Our Lady and Infant
Jesus. Queen of Lithuania, Siluva, 1608 AD,
Latvia and Estonia.

Symbol of the Baltics: Lithuanian Flag.

Byzantium: Our Lady of Byzantium, Queen
of the Byzantines. The Image of Our Lady,
Protectress of the Byzantines: Turkey, Greece
Ukraine, Armenia, Bulgaria, Albania, Russia.

Symbol of Byzantium -
Russian Flag.

First Christian Nation, Armenia, 286
AD.

Hungary: Our Lady of Hungary, Patroness
of the Magyars. The Image of Our Lady
and Infant Jesus.
Cross and Crown Symbols of St. Stephen,
King and Saint, 998 AD.

Symbol of Hungary - Hungarian Flag.

Balkans: Our Lady of the Balkans, Patroness
of Croatia. The Image of Our Lady, Queen of
Peace. Croatia, Slovenia, Yugoslavia, Bosnia-
Herzegovina, Serbia 863 AD.
Symbols of the Balkans - Slovenian Flag.

Slavic Nations: Our Lady of the Slavs, Patroness
of the Slavic Nations. The Image of Our Lady,
Patroness of Czech and Slovak Republics. Sts.
Cyril and Methodius, Apostles of the Slavs,
942 AD.

Symbol of the Slavic Nations - Czech Flag.

Palestine: Our Lady of Palestine, Patroness
of the Holy Land. The Image of Our Lady
and Terra Sancta Cross. Order of the Holy
Sepulchre of Jerusalem, 1099 AD.
Symbol of Palestine - Palestinian Flag.

Lebanon: Our Lady of Lebanon, Patroness
of the Maronites. The Image of Our Lady
and National Symbol of Cedars of Lebanon
Maronite Shrine at Harrisa, Lebanon. St.
Maron, Apostle of Lebanon, 680 AD.
Symbol of Lebanon - Lebanese Flag.

Portugal: Our Lady of Fatima, Queen of
Portugal. The Image of Our Lady, Queen of
Peace and the three children, Lucia, Jacinta,
and Francisco at Cova da Iria, 1917 AD.
Symbol of Portugal - Portuguese Flag.

Cuba: Our Lady of El Cobre, Our Lady of Charity,
Patroness of Cuba. The Image of Our Lady and
Infant Jesus and the three men in boat saved
miraculously during a violent storm, 1608 AD.
Symbol of Cuba - Cuban Flag.