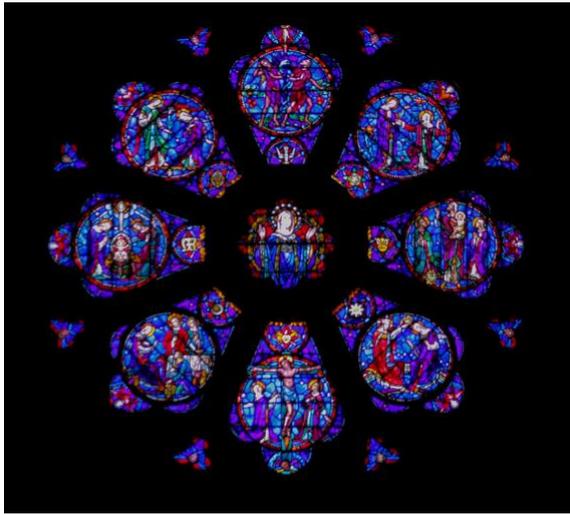


THE ROSE WINDOW <sup>1</sup>  
*An Overview*



*A large rose window above the choir loft  
portrays Mary's relationship with her divine Son.  
It is a marvelous visual record of the events  
that have shaped our Christian history.*

We will eventually consider the center image of Mary and each of the eight rose petals in detail. The present reflection focuses on the window in its entirety.

The center petal of the window portrays Mary interceding for all who seek her help.

Above her is a petal portraying Adam and Even expelled from the Garden of Eden because of their sin of disobedience.

The panel below Mary displays the scene on Calvary – The crucified Savior has already addressed Mary and the Beloved Disciple standing at the foot of his cross. The circle is completed: by his death and resurrection Jesus has overcome the sin of Adam and Eve and restored us, their descendants and children of Mary, to God's grace.

The other panels show Mary at various stages in the life of her Son. The petal on the upper left shows the Angel Gabriel announcing to Mary the incarnation of the Son of God. The one on the upper right shows Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth.

To the left of Mary is a petal displaying the scene of Jesus' birth at Bethlehem. The one on the right shows the presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple.

On the lower left one sees the first of Jesus' signs from John's Gospel, the wedding feast at Cana, when Jesus turned water into wine at the bidding of his Mother. On the lower right one sees the risen Lord crowning Mary as Queen of heaven and of earth.

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<sup>1</sup> Fr. Frank Sacks, C.M., who creates our videos, developed this script.

Our prayer this week addresses Our Lady, Queen of heaven and earth.

*We pray:*

*Mary Immaculate,  
together with the Beloved Disciple  
Jesus gave you as our Mother.*

*He willingly gave his life so we might share his kinship  
as sons and daughters of God..*

*We ask you to intercede with Him  
that all of us might remain faithful to His Word in this life  
and come at last to enjoy everlasting life with you.*

*We ask this through Christ, your Son.*

*Amen!*

Our next Reflection will focus on some *recurring motifs* appearing in the Rose Window.