

CHURCH TOUR: Stained Glass Windows

Our Lady of the Lake Church is dedicated to the Glory of God and in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Marian idea prevails throughout the church, most especially in the art of the stained glass windows.

The window in the children's room near the main entrance, depicts the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. The window as you exit the church on the right side is of St. Pius X, Patron of the Eucharist and lover of children. All the windows in the nave (main gathering area) depict the complete fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.

The windows of the transepts were crafted in Munich, Germany. The window on the left (east) transept depicts the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, supported by dogma proclaimed by Pope Pius IX. On the right (west) transept, the windows represent the proclamation of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven by Pius XI. Both windows measure twelve feet by twenty-seven feet high.

The Sanctuary windows depict the six Sacraments except for the Eucharist, which is represented in the tabernacle. Passageways into the sacristy commemorate St. Joseph,

Patron of the Universal Church, and St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland.

The Rose window above the choir loft was designed exclusively for Our Lady of the Lake Church. The crown in the center represents Mary, Queen of the World. The tower depicts David and the tree Jesse. All show that Mary is of the royal house of David. The Morning Star and the Star of the Sea relate to the star; the moon is a symbol of the Immaculate Conception. The hand at the top is the Hand of the Father, Mary shows the daughter of the Father. The cross and banner represent Christ and Mary, mother of Christ. The Dove depicts the Holy Spirit, Mary the spouse of the Spirit. The shaded blue in motion is the water of Lake Oswego – Our Lady of the Lake Church.

