

Unction (Healing)

The Unction window is the first one on the left side of the nave. Our call to a ministry of compassionate healing is represented by the parable of the Good Samaritan. “Two passed by on the other side... Which one was neighbor to the man attached by the robbers?... Go, and do likewise.”

The Altar Window

The altar window shows both the process and the culmination of our journey. It is the *Death and Resurrection* window (pictured on the cover). The laid-down cross with nails and the crown of thorns remind us of Jesus, our King who was crucified for us. The rose window reminds us that, “on the third day he arose.” Our whole life is a process of deaths and resurrections. The rose window takes us out into God’s eternity.



The Good Shepherd welcomes us. Mary prepares us to be receptive. The seven Sacraments remind us that God is there for all of the important events in our lives. The Death and Resurrection remind us that we have to die to live and that, in the end, we are with God and God’s friends everywhere living that life which is eternal.

St. John’s Stained Glass Windows



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The Entrance Window

The entrance window is *Jesus The Good Shepherd*, welcoming all who enter. The different paths represent the different journeys we are on; we are welcome regardless of where we are on our faith journey.



The Mary Windows

The three south transept *Mary* windows prepare us for worship as we enter the worship space. The window on the left is *The Annunciation*. In worship, we are expecting to hear and be receptive to God's word for us.

The middle window is *The Shalom*, in which Mary and Elizabeth are exchanging the peace. By the grace of God we are enabled in worship to exchange the peace of the Lord with our neighbor.

The window on the right is *The Madonna and Child*. Psalm 131:3 says: "I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast; my soul is quieted within me." It is in deep spiritual silence that we ready our souls to hear God's word, receive God's peace, experience God's presence.

The Seven Sacrament Windows



Baptism

Looking over the font as we enter the church, we see *The Baptism* window in the chapel. John the Baptist is baptizing Jesus in the Jordan River, as the dove (God's spirit) descends upon them. The crowd is witnessing as John says, "I baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Communion

The *Communion* window is the first one on the right side of the nave. Jesus is celebrating the Last Supper with his disciples.

Confirmation

The Confirmation window is the second one on the right side of the nave. Just as the Bishop lays his hands on our heads at Confirmation, so this window portrays John or Peter laying his hands on a Samaritan who had been baptized. "And he received the Holy Spirit." (Acts 8:17)



Ordination

The Ordination window is the third one on the right side of the nave. Jesus is telling Peter to "Follow me and become fishers of men."

Marriage

The Marriage window is the third one, nearest the altar, on the left side of the nave. The two have become one flesh in Holy Matrimony. Their gaze is on each other and on the cross.

Reconciliation

The Reconciliation window is the second one on the left side of the nave. Our ministry of reconciliation, penance, confession, and forgiveness is represented in the biblical account of the Prodigal son: "He as lost and is found. He as dead and is alive again."