

# Stained Glass Legend



Many people from all over the world have commented on the beauty of Holy Redeemer Church's Sanctuary stained glass window. As a different devotion pray and meditate on our Sanctuary Window. It is more than just beautiful – it has meaning for our lives.

## Sanctuary Window

Stand before the Altar and our Magnificent stain glass window.

"It has pleased God the Father that in Him (Christ) all His fullness should dwell, and that through Him, He should reconcile to Himself all things, whether on the earth or in the heavens, making peace through the blood of His cross."

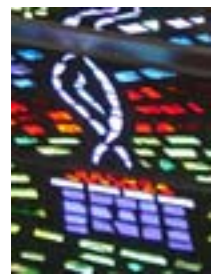
(Col. 1, 19-20)

The following is the artist's message expressed in the window design of the sanctuary of Holy Redeemer Church. From the cross of Golgotha, where Christ has offered Himself as the Lamb of God, according to the plan conceived by the Father, bright shafts of light radiate in all directions, expressing the glory of our redemption and its universality.

A great number of people, shown as stylized figures with upraised arms, are standing in His light, because He said: "I am the Light of the World." And these people are becoming light themselves. Our redemption through Christ had been promised, in types and prophecies, in the Old Testament. One of these types is the Ark of



Salvation (upper left) and the altar (upper right) which recalls the sacrifice of Isaac which God had first ordered and then stopped. It is a reference to Christ on the cross.



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The upper area with its numerous stars, suggests a heavenly sphere that stands in contrast to the dark blue color scheme at the bottom, suggesting the earthly sphere. Between them Christ can be viewed as the "One Mediator between God and men." Through His sacrifice, He has brought peace to mankind, as suggested by the rainbow. The altar, with its natural wood forming a strong contrast against the dark blue background, is the center and heart of the sanctuary. It is designed both as the sacred altar of sacrifice and table of the Holy Eucharist. It is set on this earth, and this note is reflected in the stylized design of



the homes, factories and other buildings in the bottom section of the faceted glass.

On the center mullion are seen the symbols of the Father (triangle), and the Holy Spirit (dove). These two symbols, together with the

figure of Christ, represent the Holy Trinity.



**Reflection:** Am I one of those figures with upraised arms? Am I a light to the world?

*Please take a few more minutes and meditate on the beautiful windows depicting the joyful mysteries in the Chapel.*

