

WINDOWS FOR THE NAVE OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

Proposed themes by Father Larry Pederson, based on the life of Jesus Christ

Windows on the West side starting on the North end

1. Annunciation with the Angel Gabriel
2. The Nativity of Jesus
3. The Boy Jesus Teaching in the Temple (See my attached commentary to help with the design)
4. The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist

Windows on the East side starting on the South end

1. The Last Supper
2. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus
3. The Resurrection
4. Pentecost — Coming of the Holy Spirit to strengthen the disciples to witness to the Good News of Jesus

The approximately 4'x4' windows above each of the above will carry the theme in a more modern presentation. The windows below will be a combination of traditional and modern.

Windows on each side of St. Francis Xavier Chapel (West wall)

The theme on the North side of the Chapel is to represent Mary, Mother of Evangelization as depicted and visually described by Pope Francis in The Joy of the Gospel, Chapter Five, Part 11. MARY, MOTHER OF EVANGELIZATION. 284. Mary is also present to us as we speak of our faith and invite others to join us. 285. Jesus gave his mother to us while he was on the cross. 'Here is your mother,' he said (John 19:27). Let us receive her with open arms. Mary was the first missionary disciple. She is, indeed, our Mother. 286. Mary turned a humble stable into a temporary home for Jesus. She is a sign of hope for us; she opens our hearts; she shared our struggles, and in the end, she leads us to Christ. 287. Now we ask the Mother of

Jesus to guide our hands and feet, to help us proclaim our faith and to invite and welcome in the name of Christ. 288. Mary's love and tenderness becomes the very style with which we now proclaim the good news that she bore in her own body. Her humility becomes our goal. Her faith is our faith.

She praised God for "bringing down the mighty from their thrones" and "sending the rich away emptyhanded (Luke 1:52-53). She pondered the mysteries of the faith in her heart. And in the end, she stood faithfully at the foot of the cross. With her, we now hear the words of the Risen Christ, "Behold, I make all things new (Revelation 21:5).

The theme on the South side of the Chapel is to represent St. Joseph the Worker, patron saint of the Archdiocese of Edmonton.

Although not high quality, the below images depict the draft designs of a few of the windows.

