

St. Joseph, Patron Saint of the Parish

Carpenter's square—sign of his profession

Rod blossoming with lilies—symbolizes his chastity

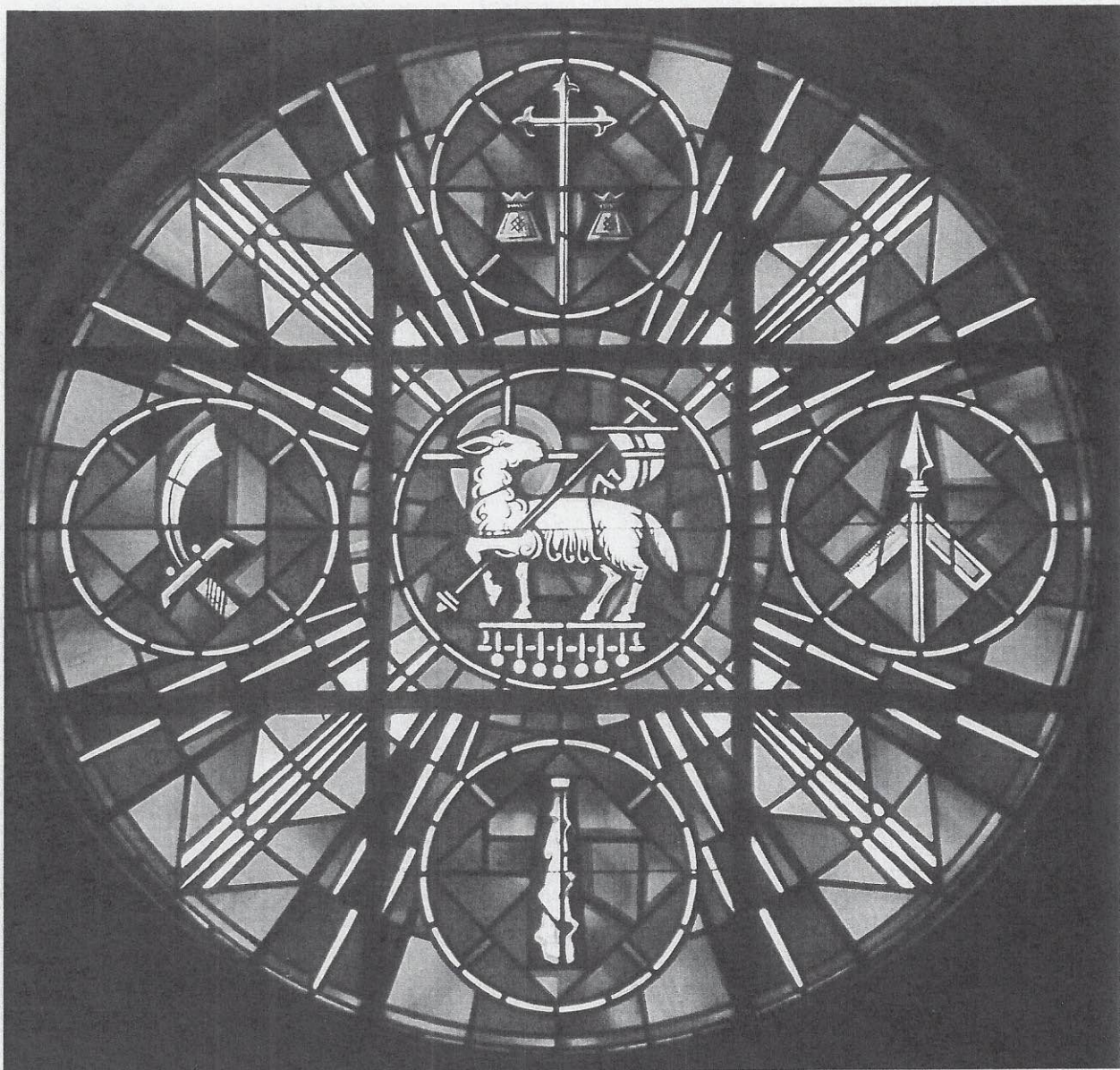
Descending Dove—symbol of the Holy Spirit—Recalls the various incidents of divine guidance reported by the Evangelists

St. Peter—Crossed Keys—The Golden Key to forgive sins—The Silver Key—to retain this.

St. James Major—Three scallop shells, two above and one below. This design is a symbol of pilgrimage and recalls the missionary journeys of the apostle.

St. Andrew—Two fishes crossed, recalling the apostles original occupation and his call to become a fisher of men.

St. John—The chalice with the small snake recalls the legend that John had been given a poisoned cup from which the Lord spared him



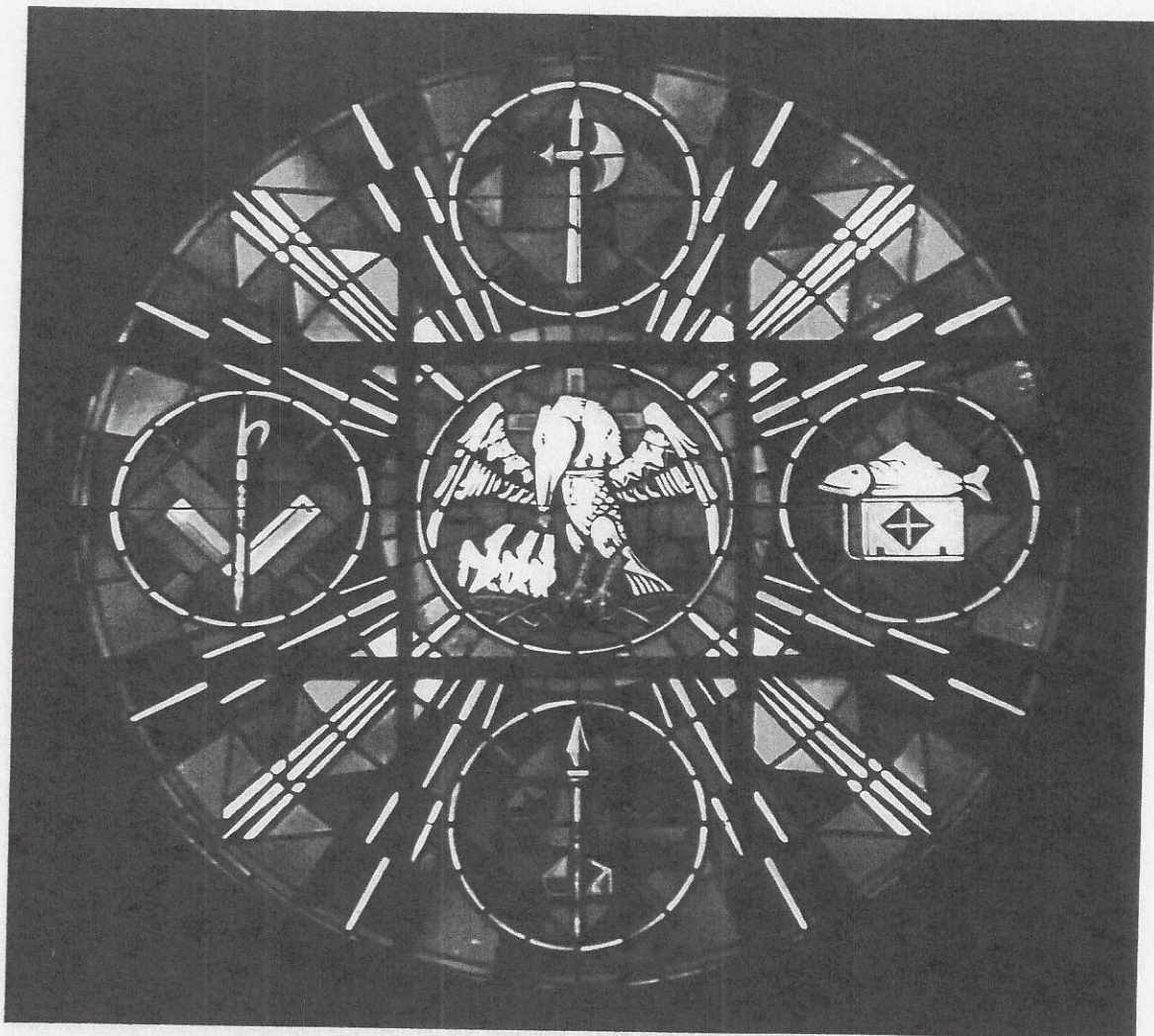
Center Panel—The Lamb of God standing on book with seven seals, carrying the banner of victory. As the lamb that has been slain, it is the symbol of Christ's death on the Cross and of our redemption.

St. Philip—Slender cross and loaves of bread. The apostle is said to have died on the cross. The loaves recall his remark when Our Lord fed the multitudes "Whence shall we buy bread that these may eat?"

St. Bartholomew—The scimitar is a symbol of his martyrdom. The apostle was crucified and his dead body decapitated with a scimitar.

St. James Minor—A fuller's bat. The apostle was stoned by the Jews in Jerusalem and as he lay dying a fuller killed with his bat.

St. Thomas—Carpenter's square and vertical spear. According to the tradition the apostle built a church in India with his own hands (carpenter's square. The spear is a symbol of his martyr death.



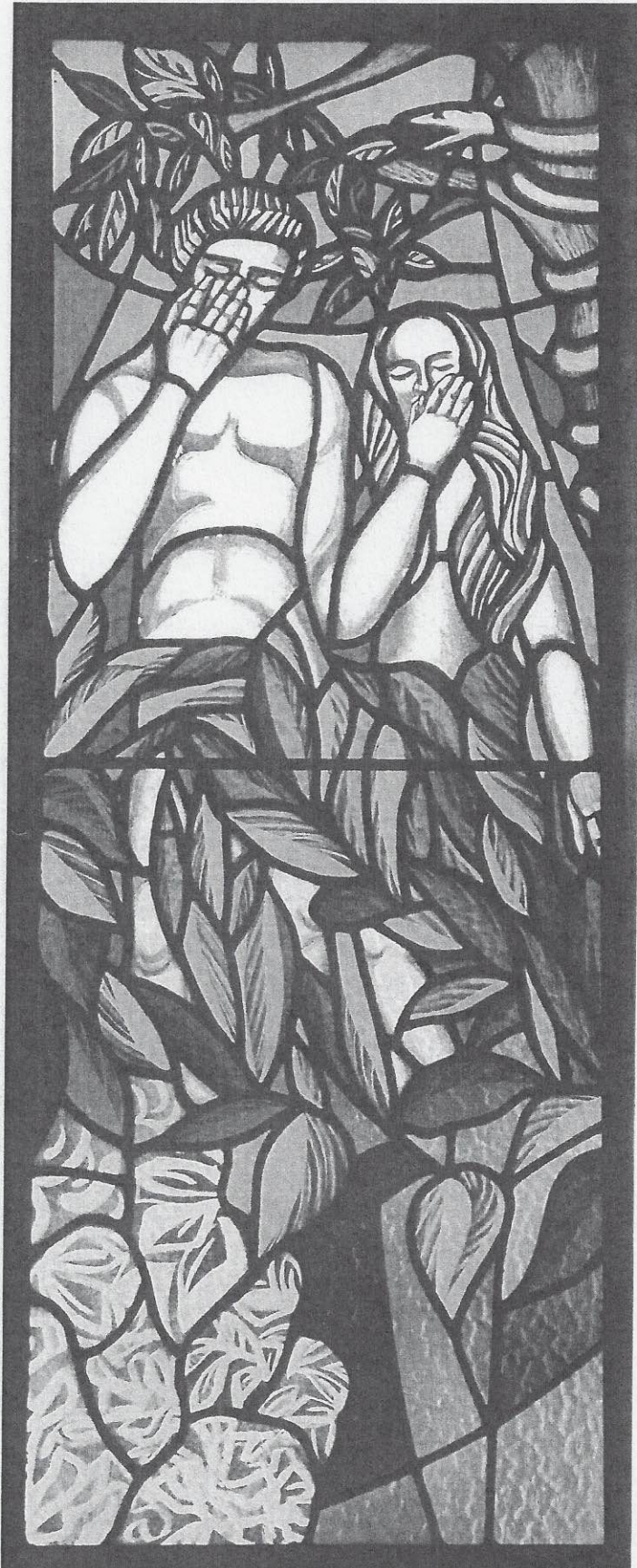
Center Panel—Pelican, Although the origin of this symbol is only legendary, it is a striking symbol of our redemption and of the Holy Eucharist. According to legend the pelican tears open the breast to feed her young with her own life blood. Our Lord gives Himself in the Holy Eucharist that we may live.

St. Matthew—The battle ax is a symbol of his martyrdom. He is said to have been crucified in Ethiopia, and his head severed from his dead body with battle ax.

St. Jude—The boat hook recalls his missionary journeys (together with St. Simon). The carpenter's square symbolizes his activity as builder of churches in various countries.

St. Simon—Book upon which lies a fish. He was a great fisher of men through the power of the Gospel (Book)

St. Matthias—Lance and three stones. This apostle is said to have been stoned and then beheaded after missionary work in Judea.



Adam and Eve—

Symbols:

Serpent

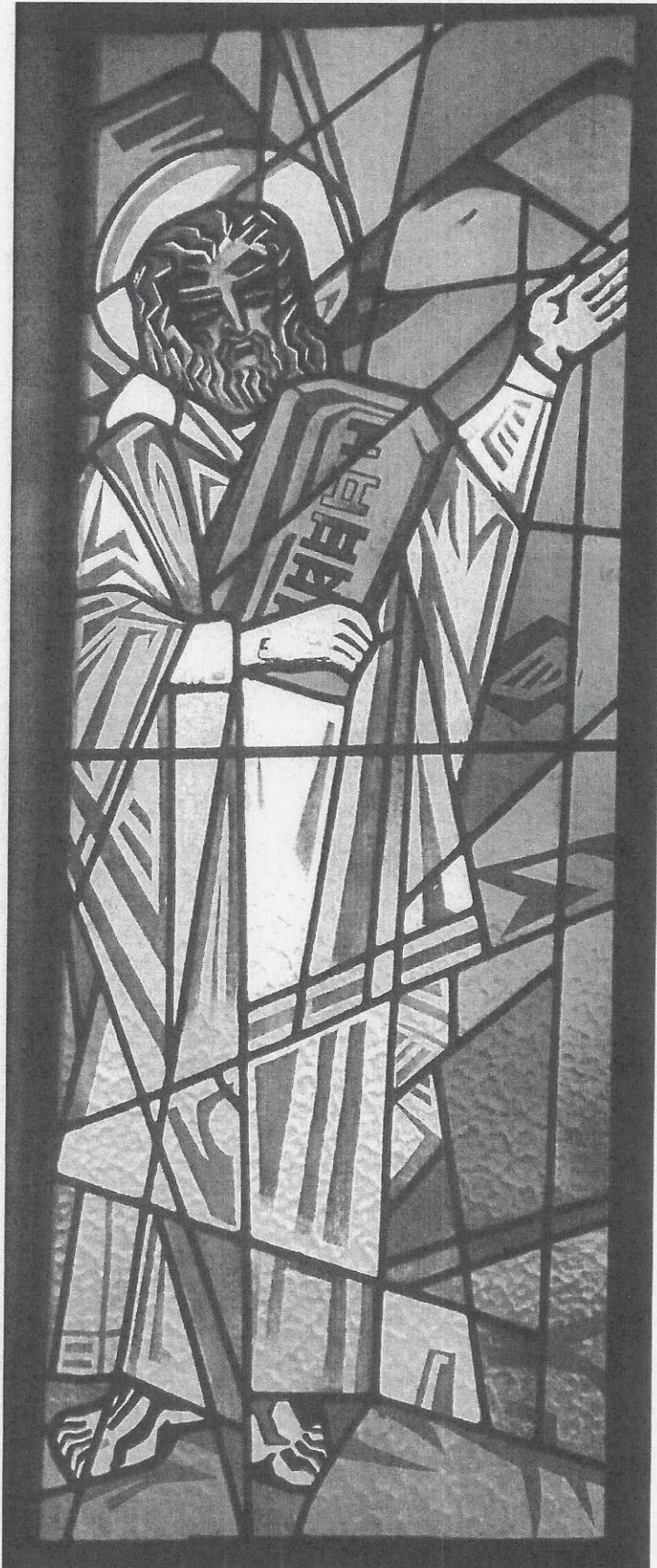
Immaculate Conception

Apple



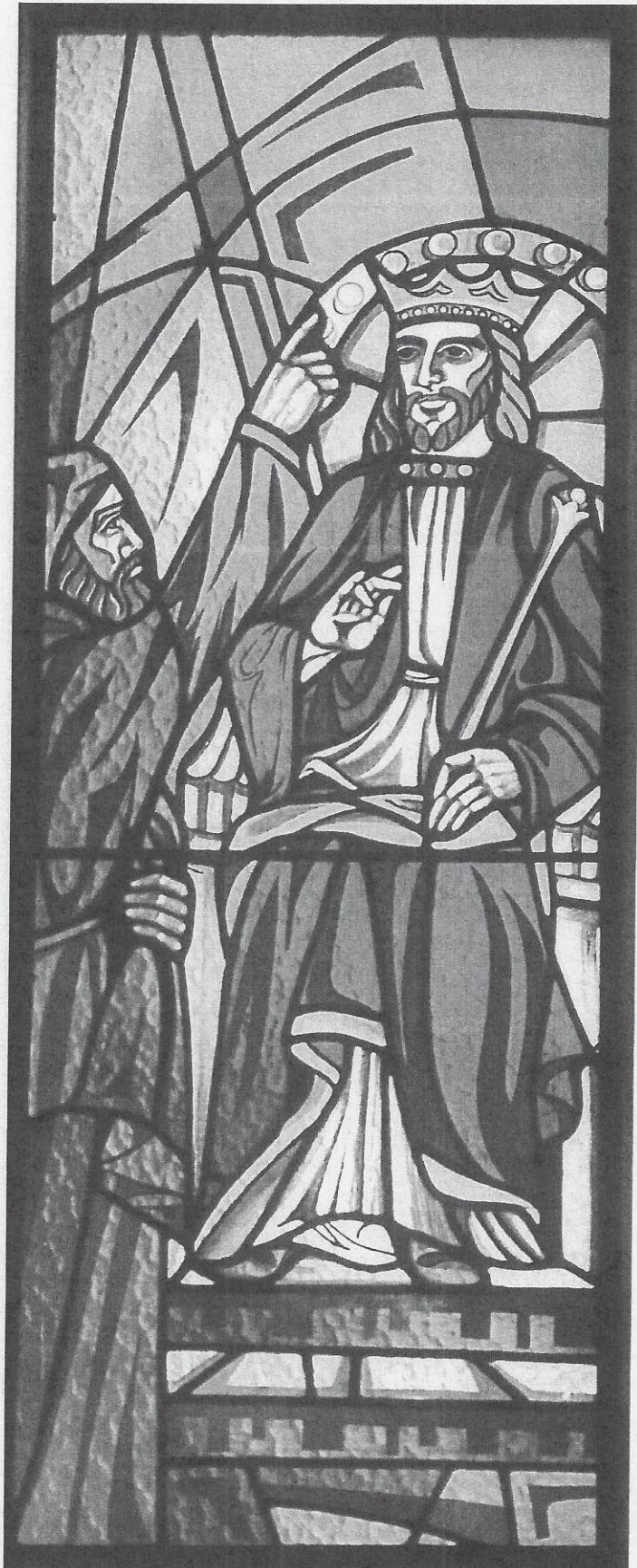
Abraham:

Symbols:
Shield of Abraham
Lamb in Bush
Knife



Moses:

Symbols:
Lightning
Basket and Reeds
Staff



King David:

Symbols:

Sling Shot and Stone

Harp

Ark of the Covenant



The Annunciation

Symbols:

The Lily or *Lilium Candidum*—generally used as symbol of the Annunciation. It suggests the purity of the Blessed Virgin.

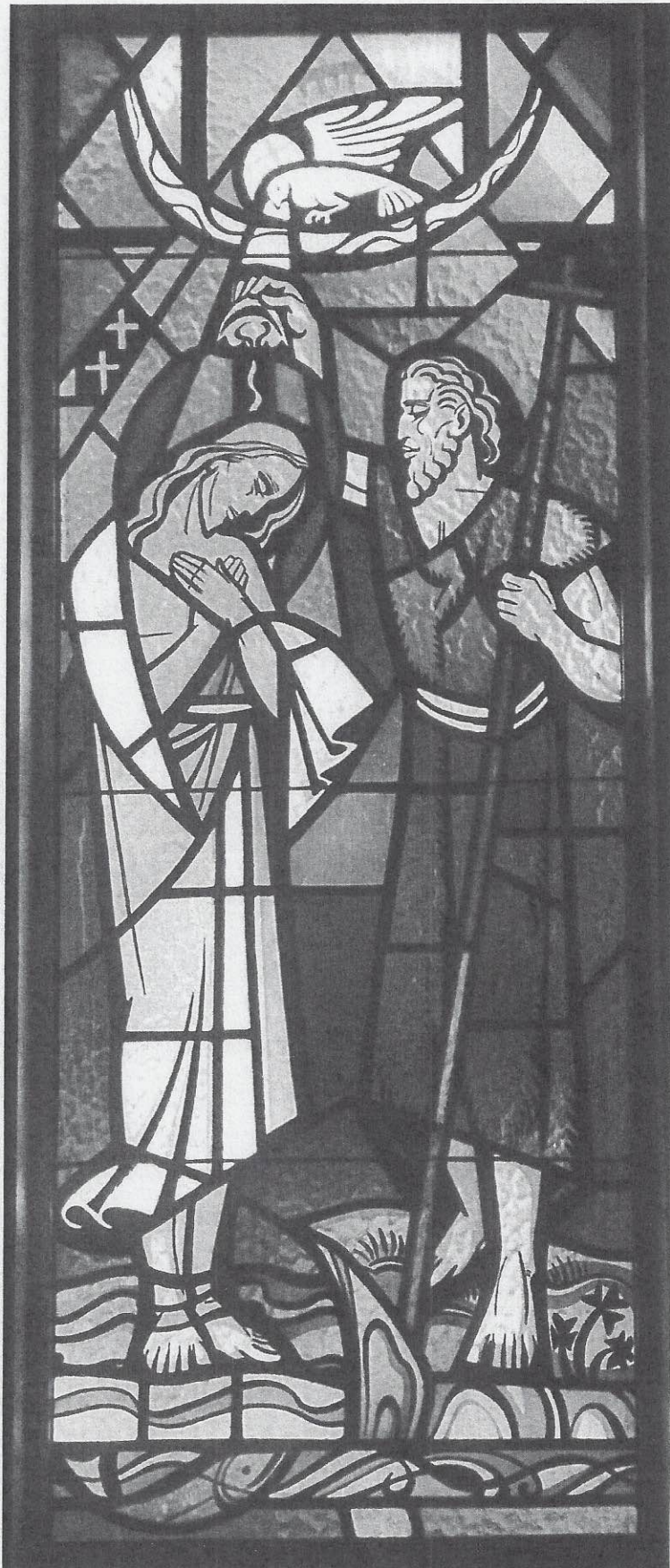
AM—The interwoven monogram of the Blessed Virgin which can be read Ave Maria or as MA - the first two letters in the name of Mary. The crown refers to her many titles as Queen, e.g. Queen of the Apostles, Queen of Angels, etc.



The Nativity

Jesus in the Temple



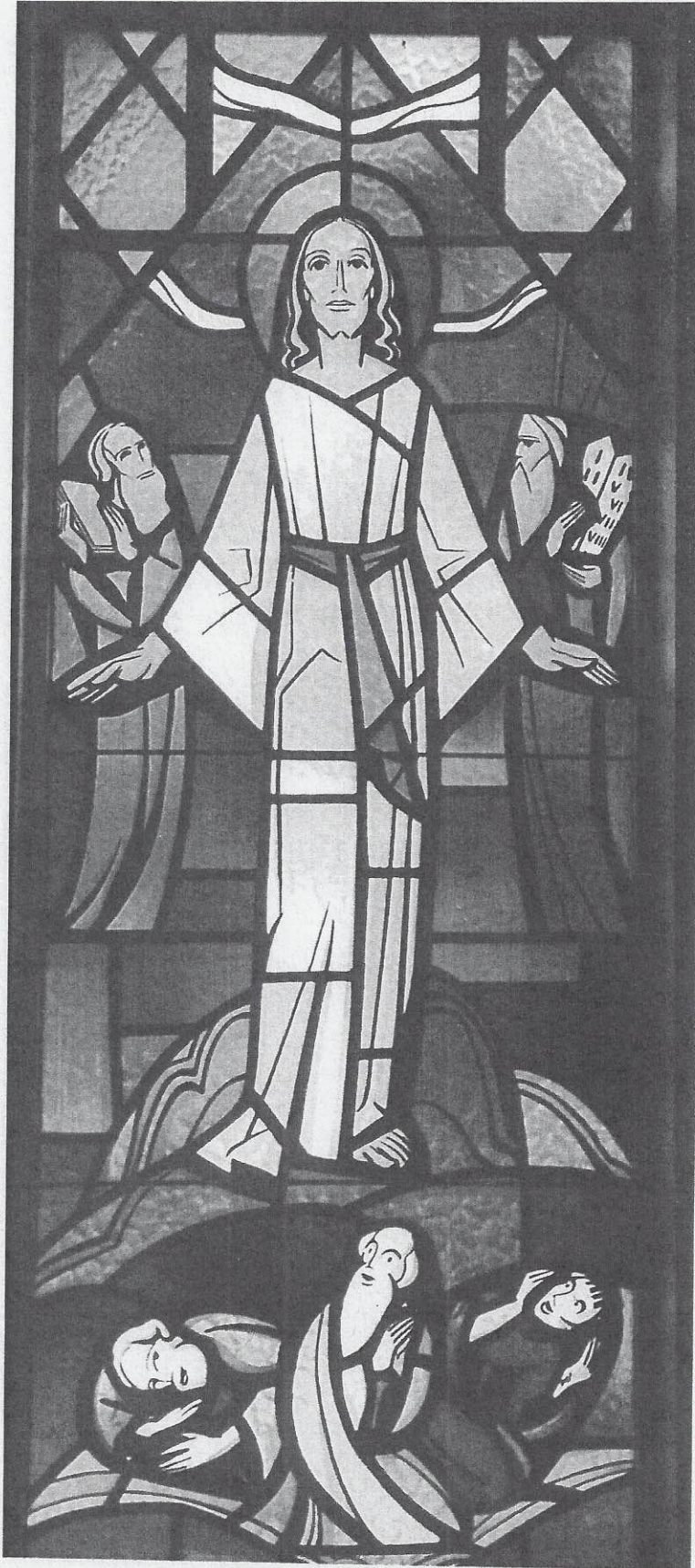


The Baptism of Christ

Symbols:

Trummpet and Scroll—The trumpet symbolizes the voice from heaven: This is my beloved Son , in whom I am well pleased.

The Lamb of God—St. John the Baptist calls Jesus the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

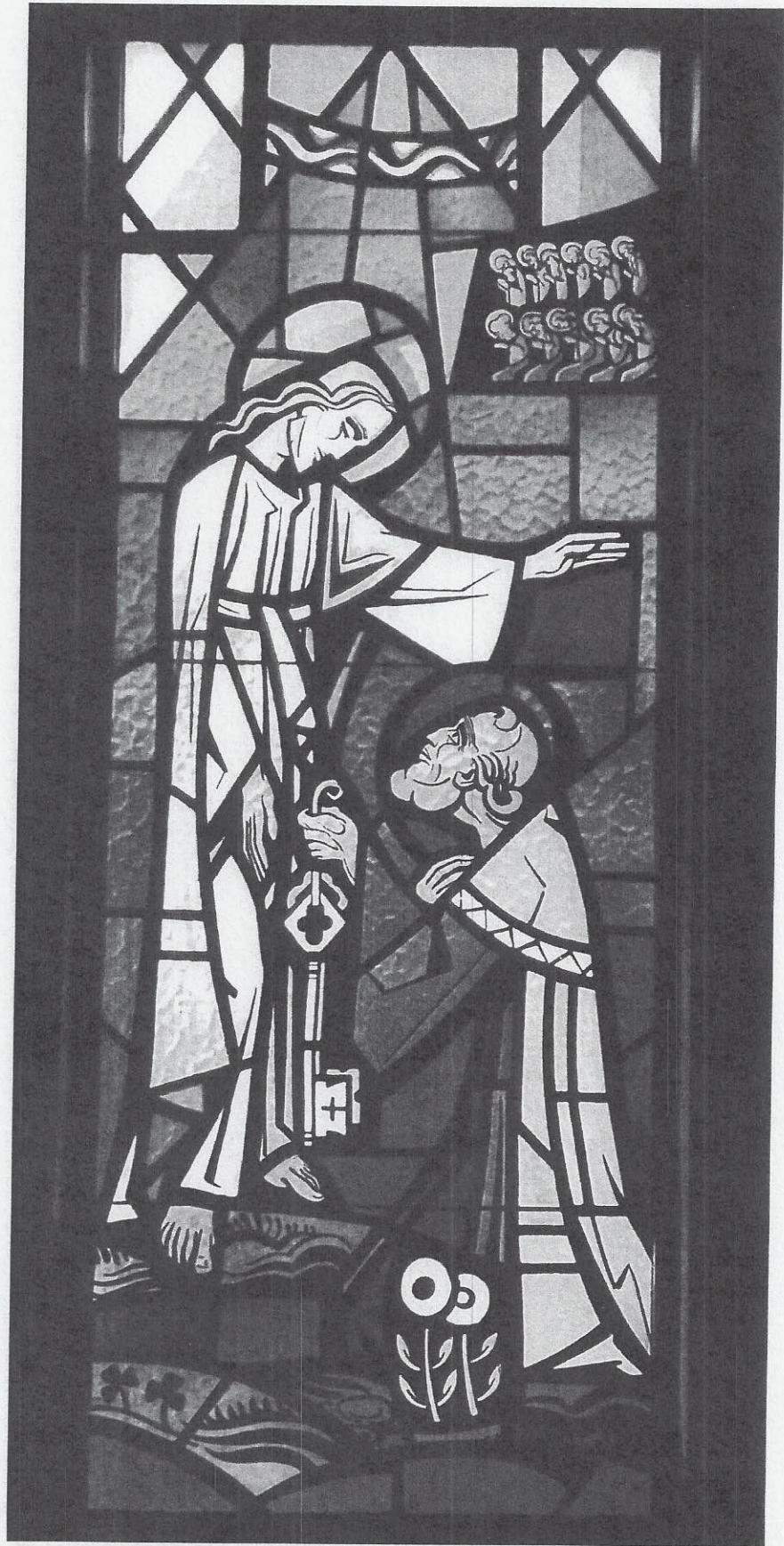


The Transfiguration

Symbols:

Candle, Rays of Light—Jesus is the Light of the World

Three tents—”If thou wilt, let us set three tents here, one for thee, one for Moses and one for Elias: Matt. 17:4

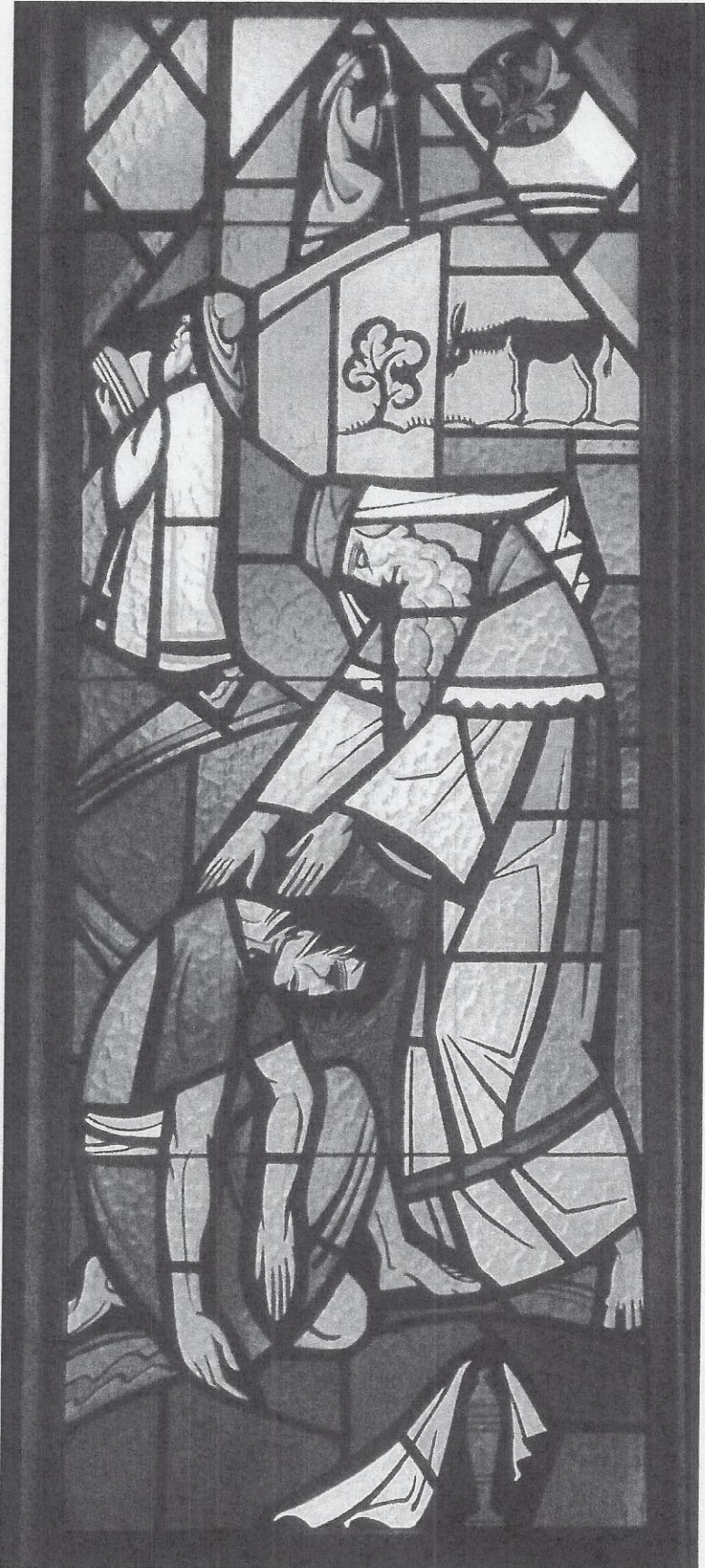


Giving of the Keys to Peter

Symbols:

Crossed Keys "I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven.:

Tiara—Symbol of the primacy of Peter. The triple crown is the sign of the supreme priest, pastor and teacher.



The Good Samaritan

Symbols:

Garment and Belt—
symbolizing the corporal
works of mercy—to clothe
the naked....

Open Door—symbolizing
the corporal work of Mer-
cy—to shelter the homeless

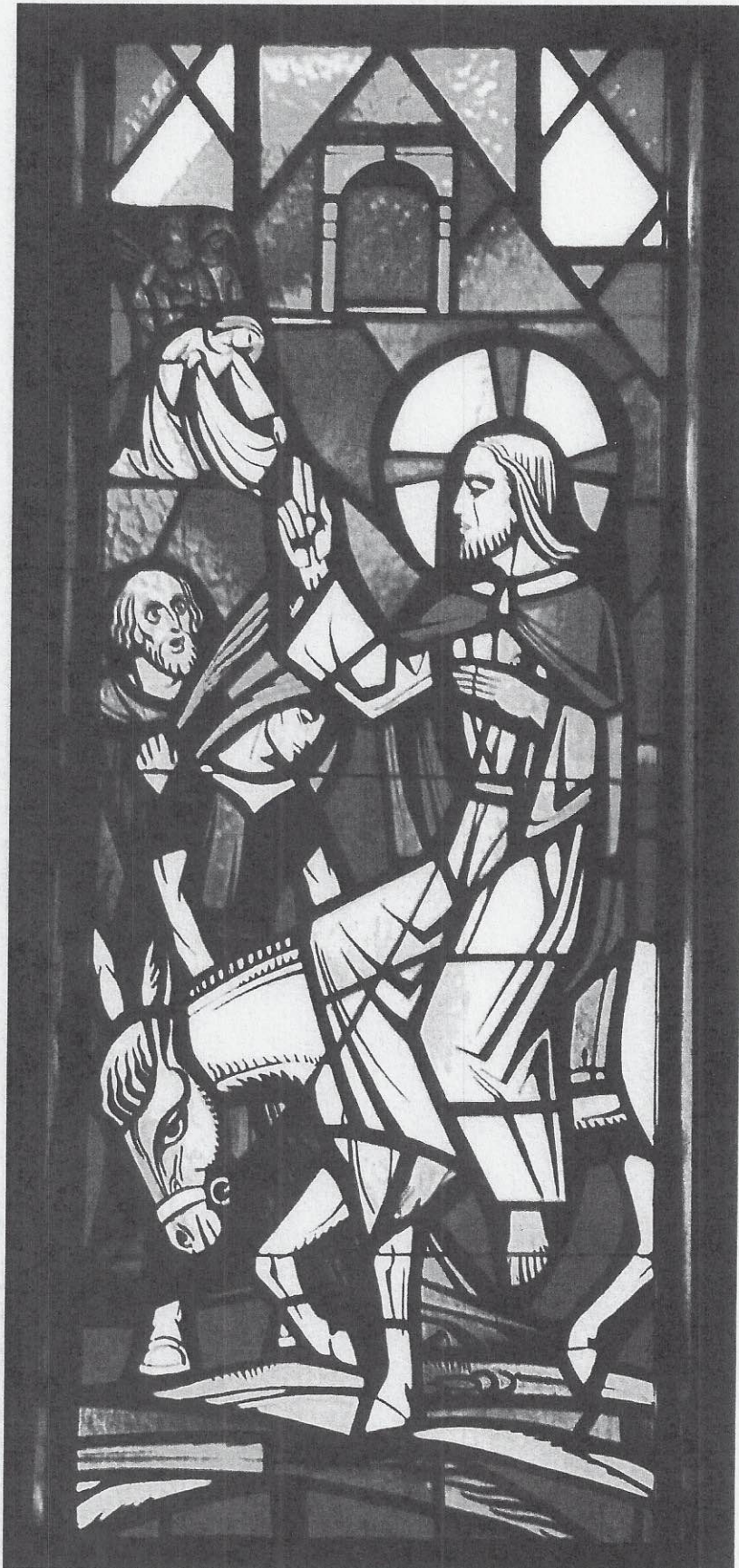


The Prodigal Son

Symbols:

Star and Rays above water—
guidance from heaven, di-
vine providence which led
the repentant son back to the
home of the father

Dove with Olive Branch—
Symbol of peace, here refer-
ring to peace as fruit of re-
pentance and forgiveness



Entry into Jerusalem

Symbols:

Chalice and Host—
Eucharistic symbol, here
referring to the Last Supper

Fish and Basket—
Eucharistic symbol, recalls
the feeding of the multi-
tude, the promise of the
Holy Eucharist

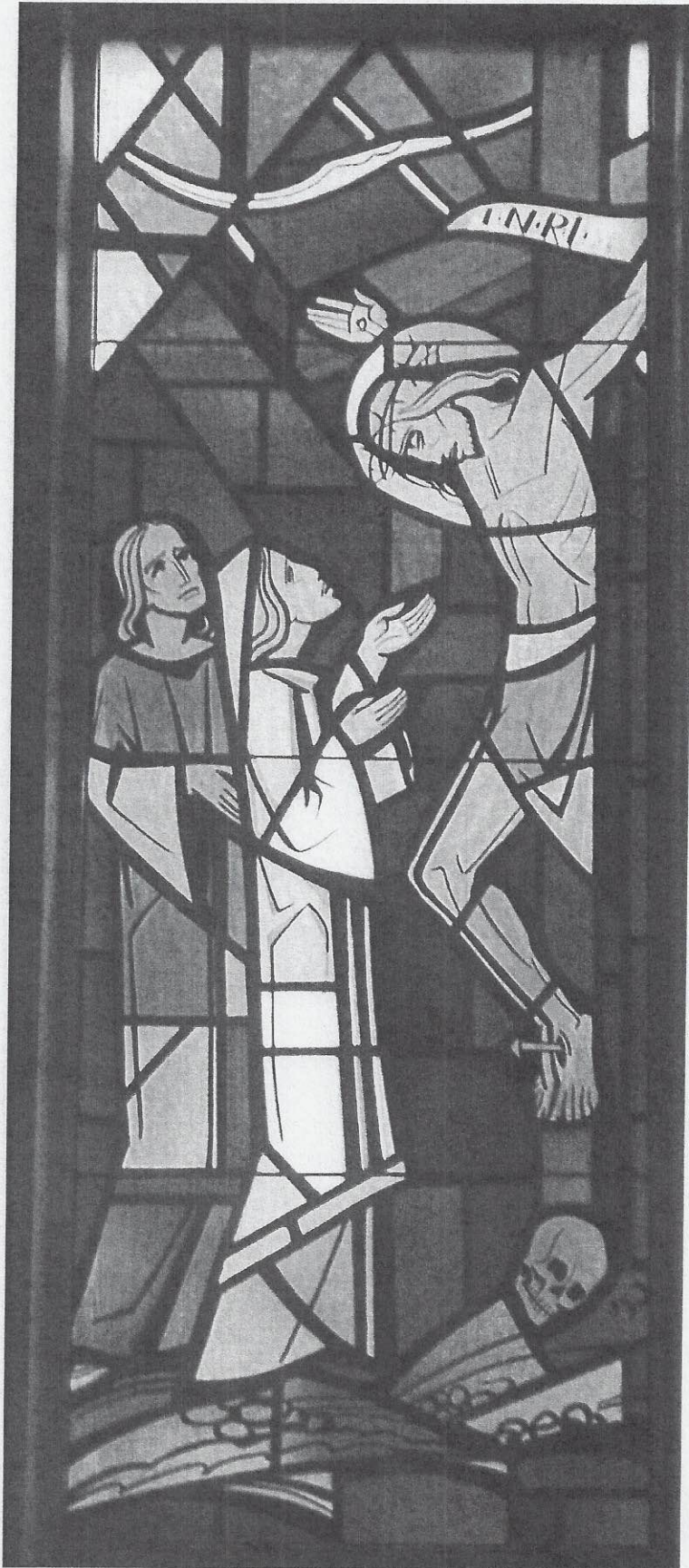


Gethsemane

Symbols

Sword and Chain—Passion symbol

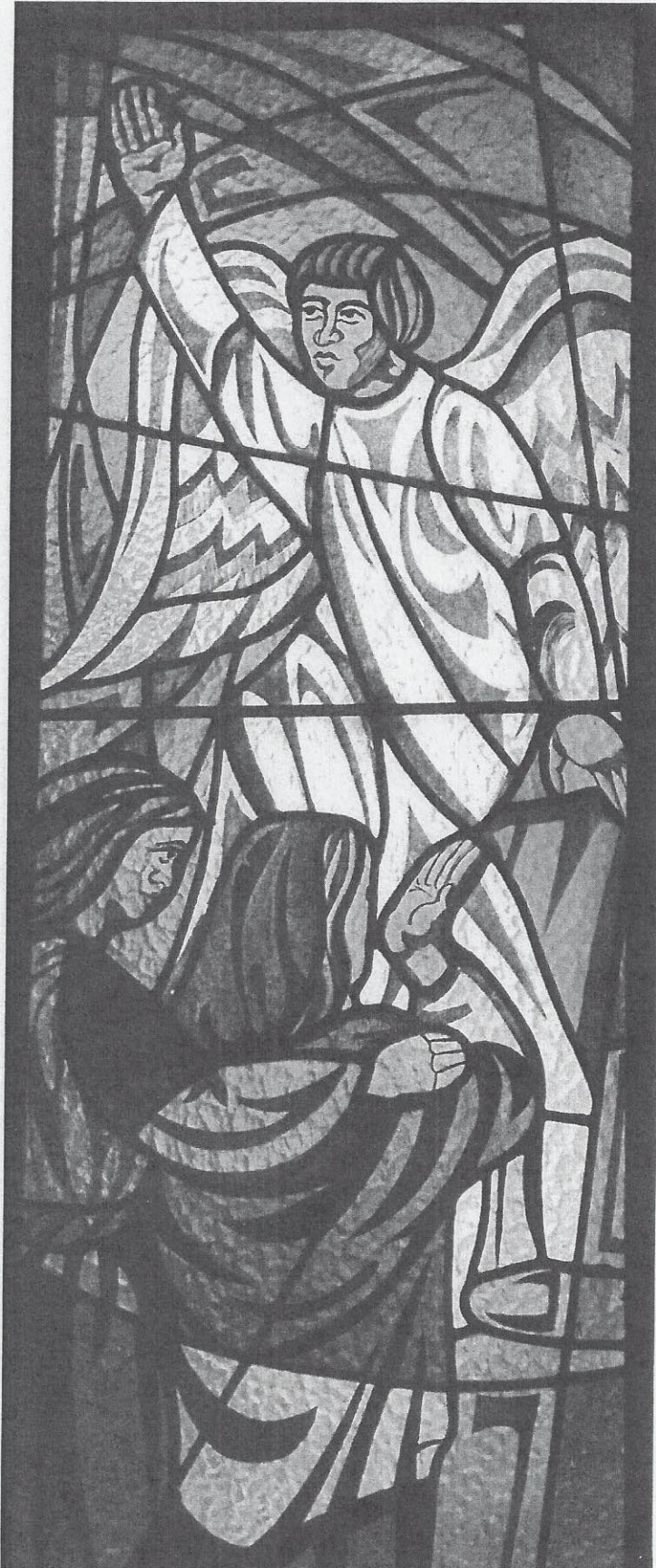
Lantern—Passion symbol



Crucifixion

Symbols:

Lamb of God standing on hill—the Lamb that has been slain symbolizing Our Lord dying on Calvary.



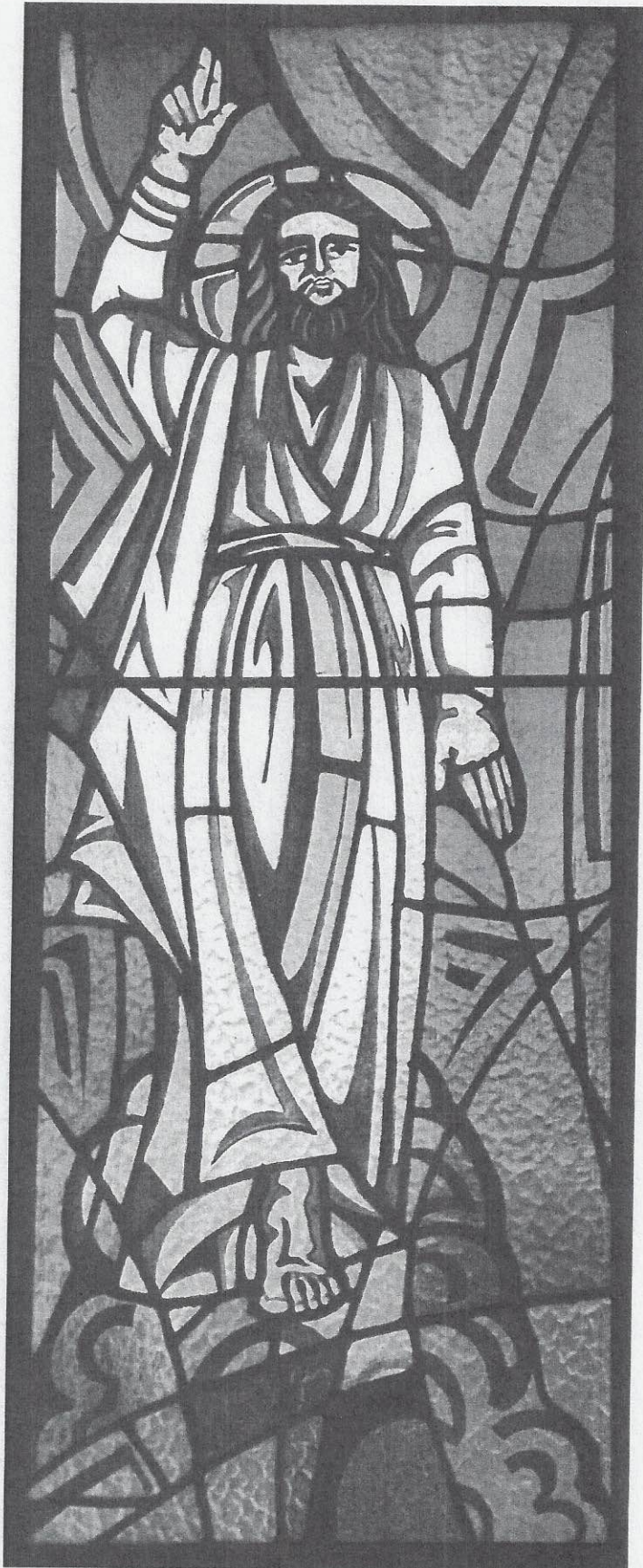
Resurrection

Symbols:

Pomaganite

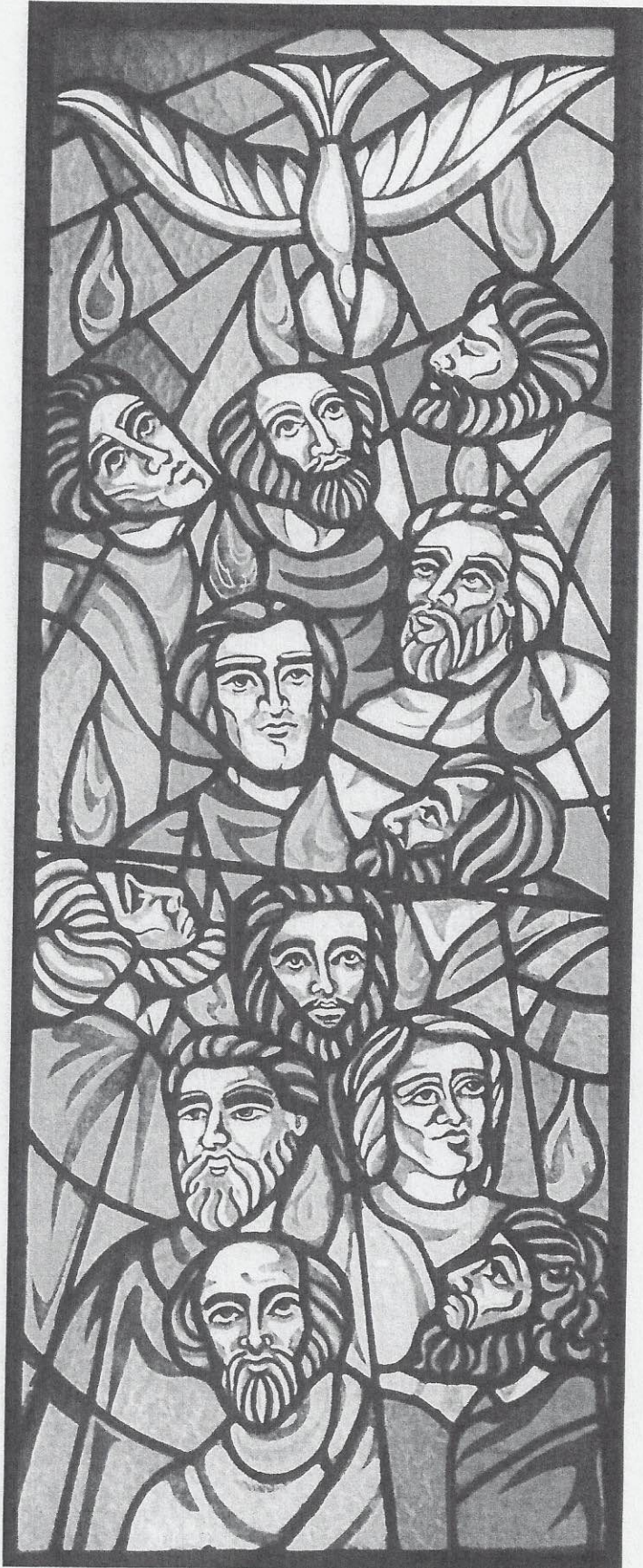
Phoenix

Butterfly



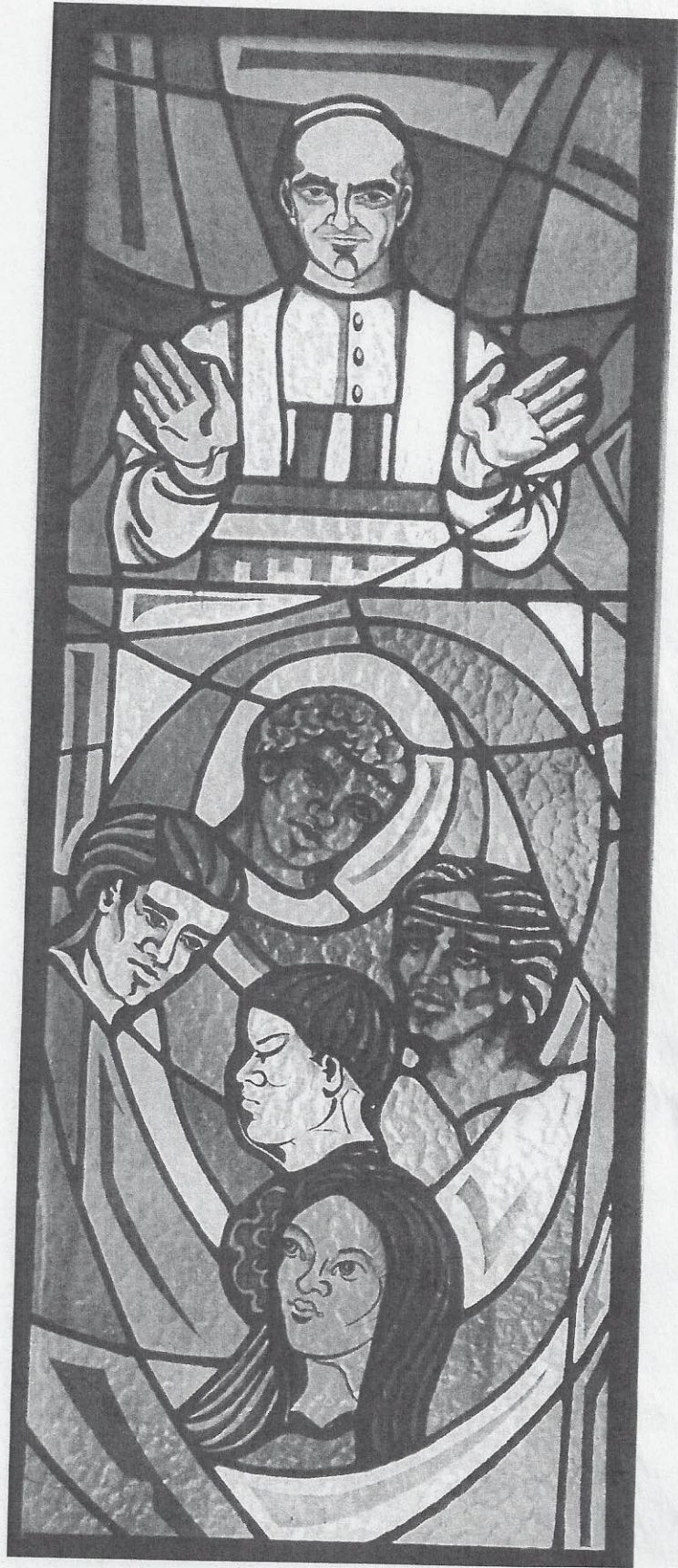
Ascension

Symbols:
Elijah's Chariot
Rock with Footprints
Three Rings (Trinity)



Pentecost

Symbols:
Oil Container
Face-Hand
Bible



Five Races & Pope Paul

Symbols:
UN Symbol
Pope Paul's Coat of Arms
Olive Branch