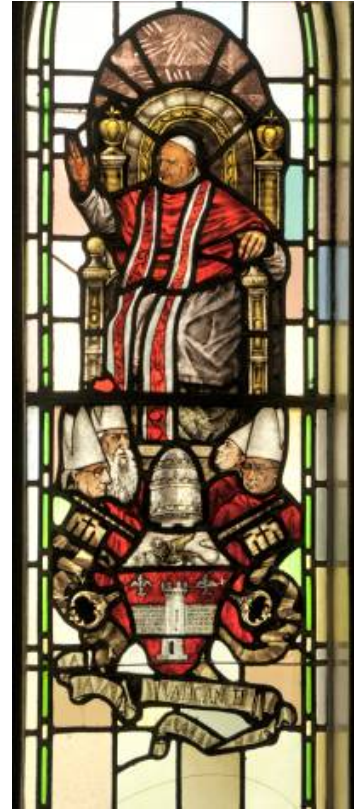


Art Glass in Orange County

Holy Family Catholic “Old Church”

Map #51

Churches



Holy Family Catholic Church (old sanctuary) This sanctuary, constructed in 1975 features leaded glass windows, many of which are sagging and curved. The style is ancient. Above the entry is the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus employed in carpentry and weaving form a picture in the top of a large window filled with much clear glass ornamented with small design features.

Twelve other windows surround the room with a trio on each major wall except the stone wall behind the altar. Not all of them are clearly identified at this time and several have modern references. Near the back of the auditorium is a window labeled "Lumen Gentium" meaning "light for the people" depicting Jesus at the top in a robe with sun and moon, by the scriptures, the host and wine and two candles. The lower half of the window depicts two men, a woman and two children, signifying that everyone is to the hands of Jesus. The woman in the middle wears a modern dress and holds the scriptures. She is flanked by a construction worker and a suited businessman. On one side is a bridge looking somewhat like the Brooklyn Bridge and on the other is a domed building looking like a government building. The Vatican II window depicts the pope and four cardinals.

Mary's Assumption is the subject for one window. The John the Baptist window with a Bible and a dove includes these three quotes from the book of John, "All things were made by Him", "In the beginning was the word" and "Blessed re the peacemakers"

The Betrothal of Joseph and Mary depicts the robed couple in front of a priest. The Annunciation, and Mary's Assumption are also on the sides of the auditorium. The three windows on either side of the altar in front each contain three different scenes and some contain various beatitudes.

The first depicts the nativity, Jesus' dedication as a baby and Jesus at age 12 expounding with the priests at the temple. The next includes Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast, walking on water and an unidentified scene of two men with the Baby Jesus. "Blessed are the merciful" is also on this window. The next window depicts Lazarus rising from the grave, "Blessed are they that mourn", Jesus healing a blind man, "Blessed are the pure of heart", and a crowd around Jesus.

The window closest to the altar on the other side includes Mary washing Jesus' feet, "blessed are they that hunger for justice", the triumphal entry, "blessed are they that are poor in spirit", and Jesus with the little children. The next has a portrait of Jesus and 11 disciples, "blessed are the meek", the ascension, and the crucifixion. The final window has a grouping of four people, Jesus blessing a man, and Lucifer's fall.

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