



Window Number 7

## ***Joyful Mysteries—The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple***

Mary, represented by the lily, carried her newborn son to Jerusalem. “(F)or it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord.’ They came to offer in sacrifice ‘a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons,’ in accord with the dictate in the law of the Lord.”

*Luke 2:23-24* Hence, a pair of turtle doves are shown in the lower part of the window.

Reflection:

*Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:*

*“Now, Master, you may let your servant go  
in peace, according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in sight of all the peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and glory for your people Israel.”*

*The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. *Luke 2:25-38**