



Window Number 11

Sorrowful Mysteries—The Crowning with Thorns

The crown of thorns, the purple robe, and the reed around the Chi Rho symbolize the suffering of Jesus at the hands of the Roman soldiers. “Weaving a crown out of thorns they fixed it on his head, and stuck a reed in his right hand. Then they began to mock him by dropping to their knees before him, saying, ‘All hail, him, king of the Jews!’” *Matthew 27:30*

Reflections:

The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. Mark 15:16-19

And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they struck him repeatedly. John 19:2-3