

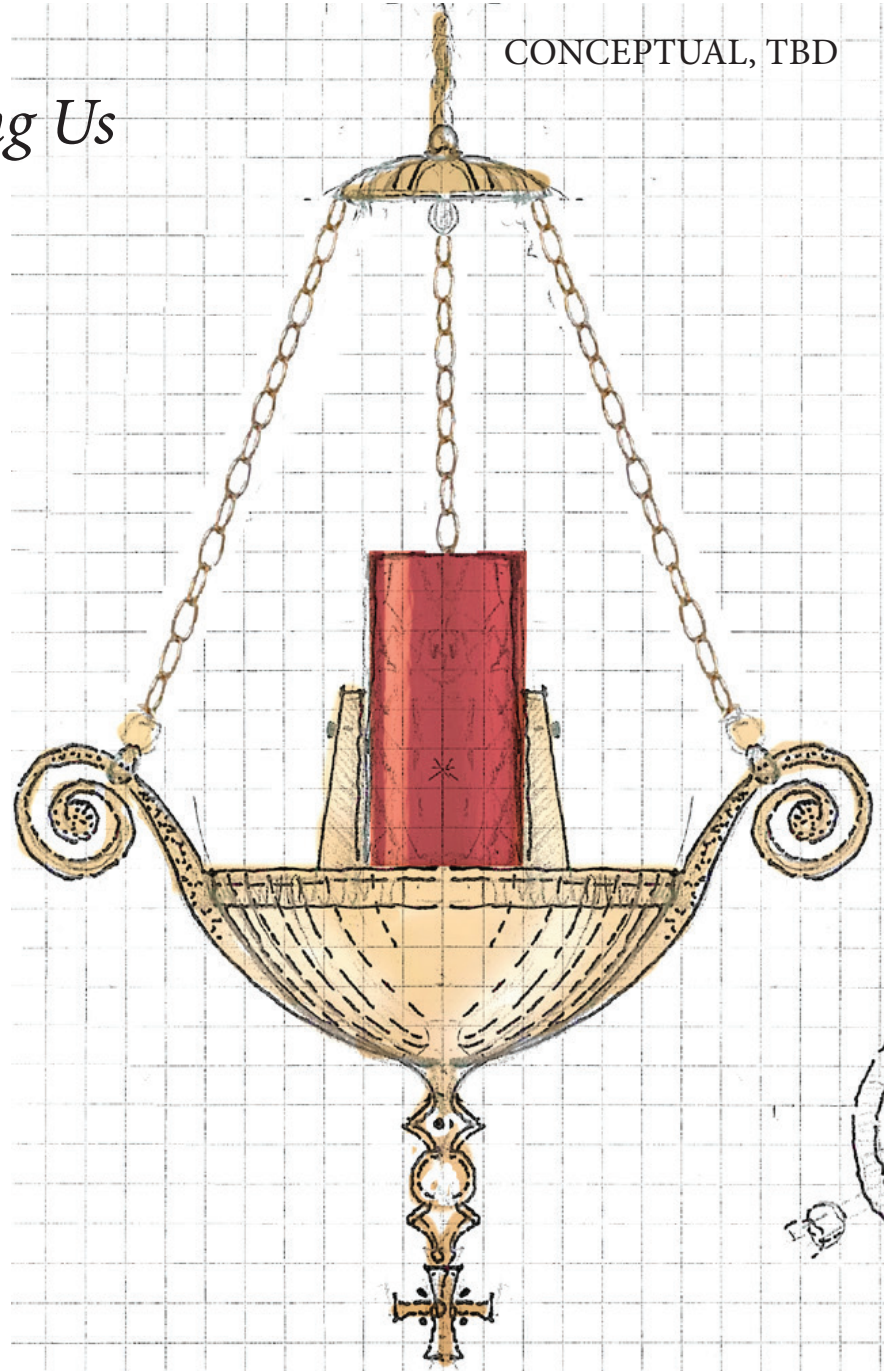
Sanctuary Lamp *God is Present Among Us*

Sanctuary lamps originate from the Old Testament. God commanded that a lamp filled with the purest oil of olives should always burn in the Tabernacle: "Command the children of Israel that they bring thee the purest oil of the olives (...) that a lamp may burn always, in the tabernacle of the testimony (...) that it may give light before the Lord until the morning. It shall be a perpetual observance throughout their successions among the children of Israel." [Exodus 27:20-21] Therefore the Temple in Jerusalem had a perpetually burning sanctuary lamp.

To continue this ancient tradition, the Church prescribes that at least one lamp should continually burn before the tabernacle (Rit. Rom. iv, 6), not only as an ornament of the altar, but for the purpose of worship.

The sanctuary lamp, also called a chancel lamp, is placed before the tabernacle or ambry in Roman Catholic churches as a sign that the Lord is present.

The lamp is fueled by oil (or wax) and burns continuously. This symbolizes our honor and respect to the presence of Christ among us. It is also a profession of love and affection because the candlelight represents our Lord, Who is the "true light which enlighteneth every man." [John 1:9]



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