

Saint Luke

Exterior Panels

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Our cornerstone was laid by
Bishop Alfred Watson in 1955 and is inscribed
*All Glory to Jesus Christ
Son of God and Mary
Our Savior*

Above the main entrance are three mosaics depicting the heads and arms of the people of God reaching for their Savior, and Christ's entreaty *Come to me*.

Looking at the façade of the church one clearly sees that to the left and to the right of the main entrance there are four panels on each side. On the far left we see CREATION, showing the hand of God reaching out to Adam, made famous in Michelangelo's painting in the Sistine Chapel. The second panel depicts the EXPULSION OF THE SINFUL ADAM AND EVE from the garden of Eden. The third panel on the left shows the ANNUNCIATION, and the fourth panel shows the BIRTH OF THE CHRIST CHILD AND THE HOLY FAMILY.

On the right side of the main entrance we see CHRIST PREACHING to the people followed by CHRIST PULLING PETER out of the waves of Lake Genezareth when Christ, walking on the waters, reached forward to save Peter who cried "Help me Lord, I perish." The next panels on the right show the dreadful WAY OF THE CROSS and the triumphant CHRIST THE LAW GIVER.

Above the western entrance is a stone panel that shows the THORN CROWNED CHRIST looking sadly at the multitudes who rejected him. Around the figure of the head of Christ are inscribed the words of Saint Paul quoting Christ, *Life is to give*.

Further to the right, on the exterior of the chapel of Saint Joseph, the panels depict the ancient revelation indicated by the STONE TABLETS GIVEN TO MOSES at Mt. Sinai, the SACRIFICIAL LAMBS standing above the book of the Seven Seals, and the new revelation of Jesus Christ with the PRIEST CELEBRATING HOLY MASS continuing the presence of Christ.

Above the east entrance of the church the words *THY GLORY, O GOD, BE MY PURPOSE* fittingly summarize both the splendor and the challenge of Christian living.

Inside the main entrance and above the central doors are the words of Christ

*Ask and you shall receive
Seek and you shall find
Knock and it shall be opened to you*

words that should inspire every soul that hungers to love and to be loved by its Creator.

Adapted from Monsignor Goodill's narrative.