

Our Stained-Glass



The stained-glass windows directly behind the altar were designed and produced by Melba Bartlett, a parishioner. When she was introduced to the craft by her mother, she was quickly captivated with stained glass artistry. In Austin, she took lessons and made many stained-glass pieces. In 1981, when the Church structure was first expanded former Pastor Msgr. Joseph Schmitt† asked Melba to create the stained-glass windows. Melba, along with her husband, decided to take on the project in honor of their deceased parents. Father Joe expressed a desire to have a design that was reflective of the lake and its surroundings (find the five sailboats and the dove). The windows were so large it took four people, making a sandwich out of the glass between two sheets of plywood, to move them. The stained-glass windows were installed in 1985 and then moved to their current position when the sanctuary was expanded in 2000.