

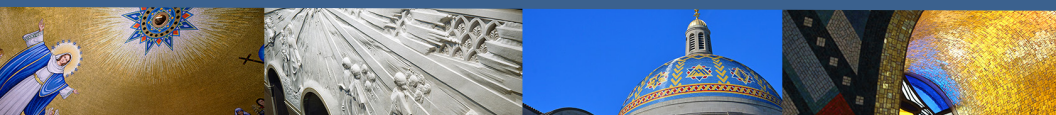
# SEEK & FIND

**Welcome to the “Seek & Find.”** For centuries people have asked the same question, “how do I pray?” One great answer to that question is called “Lectio Divina,” or “Divine Reading.” Using our imagination, memory, experiences and mind we meet Jesus Christ by placing ourself in the Gospel. Art is one way man has tried to capture that experience. Art helps us see in a new way and relate that experience to God and our family and friends. This guide will help you & and your family to do a “lectio” of the chapels in this great Basilica, pray with the art you see, and let that experience become part of your life and conversation for a long time to come.

**We have highlighted 5 chapels in the following pages. Select the chapels you wish to “Seek & Find.” Seminarians and volunteers will be present in each chapel to assist you.**

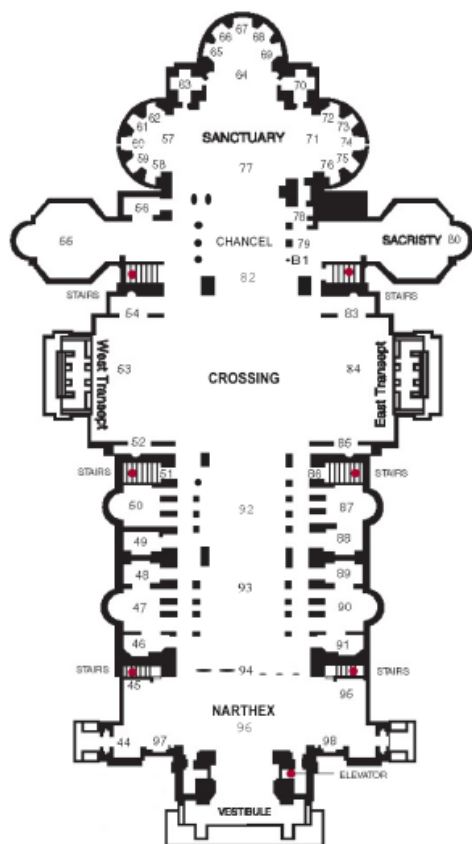


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# Mary, Queen of Ireland

## Chapel 44

This peaceful oratory is a place for prayer. It contains many representations of Irish heritage, and captures a calm sense of the beauty of nature. What does it make you think of? How does it make you feel?

Ireland is an island, and the oratory has many references to water. The green stone of the walls is like the rolling waves of the sea. Mary and Jesus are in a little 'island' in the center of a fountain. The chandelier represents the sunlight shining through the rain in Ireland. Why do you think the oratory's designers did this?

How many Celtic crosses can you find?

Can you find St. Patrick? What is he holding?

Can you find four colored mosaics on the walls? What do you think they are?

What do you think Jesus is doing in this statue?

Can you find the map of Ireland on the wall?

In the stained glass window can you find the Marian apparition of Our Lady of Knock?



# Miraculous Medal Chapel

## Chapel 47

Do you have a miraculous medal? At the center of this chapel is a large model of the miraculous medal that St. Catherine Laboure was told to make from her visions. On the arch above the altar, it says, "He gave her power to show his signs and wonders in the earth." Around the medal, there are rays of light to show how Mary reflects God's light to the world. What are ways that Mary shows the goodness of God? How can you reflect goodness to the people around you?

On the altar, it says, "Come to the foot of the altar." Pretend you are one of the children kneeling on the right in front of Mary. What prayers or problems can you bring to Mary? What can you give to Mary and allow her to take care of?

Can you find St. Catherine Laboure?

Can you find two hearts?

Can you find the serpent? Why is it there?

Look at the mosaics above the side altars. Can you find St. Louise de Marillac and St. Vincent de Paul? What are they doing?

The mosaics on the ceiling symbolize Mary in different ways.

Which ones can you spot and why do they symbolize Mary?

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# Our Lady of Guadalupe

## Chapel 49

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego, a Catholic native of Mexico, to ask for a church to be built. To convince the local bishop, Mary gave Juan Diego roses to put in his cloak. When he opened his cloak, a miraculous image of Mary had appeared on it.

Since Our Lady of Guadalupe is also the patroness of the Americas, the walls show people from the Americas who are asking for Mary's prayers. It is a beautiful reminder that the Catholic Church is universal, and that Catholics come from many different cultures. There are many American saints and people from different time periods.

Mary is held up by an angel and is standing in a cloud. The ceiling is shaped a little like a cloud. Is there anything else in the chapel that makes you think of heaven or of Mary?

Can you find a church in the background behind the line of pilgrims? It is the Basilica of Guadalupe.

Can you find Juan Diego?

How many other saints can you find?

Can you find someone who is your age in the mosaic?

What things are people bringing to Mary? Why?

What flowers do you see?



# Our Lady of the Rosary

Chapel 90

How is this chapel different from the other chapels?

What prayer is on the ceiling and why is it there? Do you know the Hail Mary from memory?

Hail Mary. We say ten Hail Marys in each decade of the Rosary and it is one of the most common Marian prayers.

How many points are on the stars on the ceiling? Do you think there is a reason? Do you see St. Dominic nearby?

How many flames are there? Why is fifteen such a symbolic rosary number? Can you name them all?

Why are the colors on the ceiling so bright and playful?

How is Mary holding Jesus that is different from a lot of the other statues?



# South Nave Dome: The Incarnation

## Chapel 93

*"Have this mind among yourselves, which was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross." Philipians 2:5-8*

The different shades of blue along with starry skies help to invoke a peaceful feeling in the Earthly scenes of The Incarnation. Knowing that Jesus came into the world to be with us and to die for us so that we might live with him for all eternity makes us realize how much he loves us. How does it make you feel knowing how much Jesus loves you and that Jesus humbled himself to live among people and lead us to live with him in Heaven?

Instead of Saints we see Prophets who were telling people that Jesus was going to come and that he was the son of God.

Do you know who any of these Prophets were and what they said? What are the differences between Prophets and Saints?

What biblical scenes do you see in the dome? What happened with each one?

What does the Bible verse say around the dome? What is the "Word" that the Bible verse is talking about?

Do you see the big star in the middle? In almost all of the other chapels the ceiling includes the Sun. Why did the artist use a giant star instead of the Sun?

Where is Mary? How is she helping Jesus in his mission?



