



ROSE WINDOW

One of the names of Mary is Mystical Rose. Roses, of course, are beautiful flowers surrounded by thorns just as Mary's beauty, purity, and humility was surrounded by a difficult life full of "thorns." Rose windows are often considered depictions of Mary as Mystical Rose. In addition, rose windows, as the rose window at Our Lady of the Angels, are often found in the front of the church directly opposite, but facing, the tabernacle. Mary reflects Christ's light, exists to point out Christ, and forever gazes upon her Son, the Christ, the King of the Universe.

While not all rose windows are directly symbolic of Mary, the rose window at Our Lady of the Angels is naturally associated with Mary because of the patronage of the church, and the proximity of the rose windows to the other windows depicting names of Mary.