

Sister **JOHN** Mary **VIANNEY** MISSION 1916

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We have God's permission to ask for healing prayer, because:

He was pierced and we were healed (Is 53:5)

Even Now I know that what ever you ask of God, God will give you. (Jn 11:2)

The work is a 14 foot sculpture constructed of bronze and copper. The cross leans against the church roof where it collects the rainwater that pours down a flume-like cross into a pool. This action of water gives the liturgical work its title:

The Healing Shrine of Living Water

The water pours from the chest of Christ out the wound of His Sacred Heart, down the face of the cross to His now extended hands whose palms become the wings of a butterfly carrying the names of all the members and priests of St. John Vianney since 1916. Through His hands, over the wedding band and dripping from His fingers, the rainwater falls onto bread with the center removed, as if by a child. The flow of water continues under a cluster of grapes to represent a stream of His blood mixing with water, splashing into a gold chalice resting on a pedestal. Surrounding the pedestal is a blue rosary containing water from Lourdes, covered with blessed water from the River Jordan. Inside the chalice, half full of wine (Blood) is the center piece of bread (Body) taken from the aforementioned bread. (This imagery recalls a basic Catholic teaching.)

In the green copper pool, where the chalice sits, is a steelhead fish swimming back to the Church with the letters IXOYE. The steelhead does not die but lives, goes to sea and returns. The Crucified Head of Christ has a golden halo with the letters INRI. His blue tear is repeated in the bronze eye of the spared lamb, which is lying on an altar next to the olive tree. The tree reminds us, "if the roots are holy, so are the branches." The pool, lamb's altar, olive tree and crucifix are set in a landscape of rocks, as seen in "The Agony in the Garden". To the right of the cross, withering Easter Lilies say "Christ has risen!" Two golden buds take their place as the Holy Spirit giving new life to us. A copper plaque at the front edge of the pool defines the liturgical work with the words describing its event The Divine Liturgy.

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