

ICONOGRAPHY OF DOORS
OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLFLEET MA

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THE ANNUNCIATION: Archangel Gabriel appears to Mary, as she kneels in prayer, with dove of the Holy Spirit.



THE VISITATION: Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, mother to-be of John the Baptist. Elizabeth raises her hands as she accepts the blessing from God.



THE HOLY FAMILY: Mary, Joseph, and infant Jesus with angel watching over.



THE ASSUMPTION: Mary's body is taken by angels into Heaven, burial vault in the background, along with monuments proclaiming Lux, Fidelis (sic), Pax, and Gaudium: Light, Faith, Peace, and Joy.



The interior door panels depict evangelists of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. In the background of each panel appears a ship, representing the Church, and city, probably City of God.

ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST: St. Mark appears with his emblem, the lion.



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST: St. Luke, the “beloved physician,” appears with the mortar and pestle, symbol of medicine.



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST: St. John appears with his emblem, the eagle.



ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST: St Matthew appears next to the gospel, or Book of God, that he is writing. A pen quill rests on top of the book, which bears the Greek characters Alpha and Omega, a reference to Revelations quote “I am the beginning and the end.”

