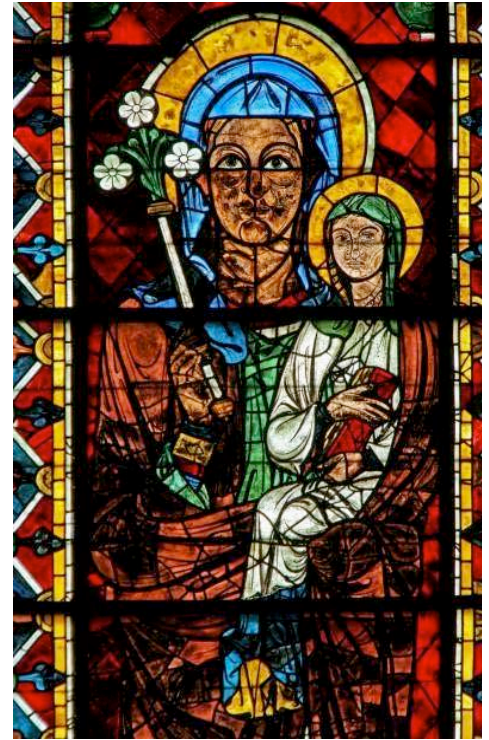
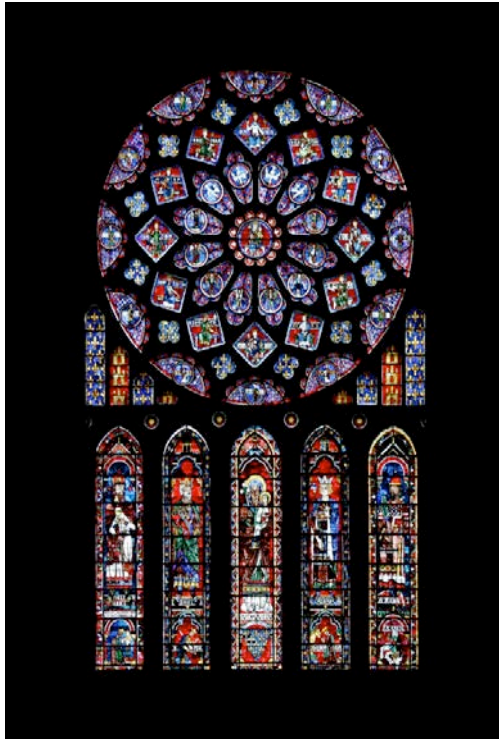


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CHARTRES CATHEDRAL

The best preserved medieval cathedral in France, Chartres has survived many wars and natural catastrophes over the centuries. Classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979, it is renowned for its magnificent stained-glass windows and exceptional iconography. Today, it remains an important center of pilgrimage, attracting thousands of Christians from around the world. Mark Stokle will trace the history of the cathedral and its role in the life of the city. He will also examine some of its stained-glass and sculptural treasures, and explain how these works of art reflect political power and patronage in medieval society.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER - MARK STOKLE

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma to an English father and a French mother, Mark spent most of his childhood in France where he attended the American School of Paris. After obtaining his International Baccalaureate, he studied at King's College London and was awarded two honors degrees in Ancient History (BA) and Social Sciences (MA). He has worked in France's tourism industry for several years (notably in Versailles). Before moving to Fresno, Mark resided in Chartres where he lived in the medieval quarter near the cathedral. He currently teaches French at the Alliance Française in Fresno, and has recently launched an educational website for amateurs of history (www.historyandcivilization.com).