



I *Nativity*

The Christ is born to Mary in Bethlehem.



IV *Open Pearl Rose*

Some interpret the rose as referring to the Messianic promise. The rose is sometimes used as a figure for Jesus of Nazareth's mother, Mary, which can point to the Christ's human birth and humanity.

II *Beaded Scroll*

The scroll can represent the prophecy and the Word. Here, the prophecy is fulfilled with the implanting of the monogram for the Christ.



V *Christmas*

A gladiolus symbolizes the Incarnation, the Word made flesh. The word gladiolus is from the Latin word "gladius," which means sword. Each leaf looks like a two-edged sword, a sword in plant form, or a LIVING sword.



III *Shepherd's Cross*

The shepherd's crook is a reference to the Good Shepherd.



VI *The Vine*

The vine reminds us that Jesus said "I am the vine, you are the branches". John 15:5