

Nativity



Star of the East

“...Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem. They set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was....(*Matthew 2:7-10*)

The Christmas Rose

Rose of Sharon, in triangle and trifoil, representing the trinity. Christ is called “the Rose of Sharon.” I am the Rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.” (*Songs of Solomon 2:1*)

Fleur-de-lis

A symbol of the Holy Trinity which is also used as a symbol of the Blessed Virgin, because of its derivation from the Madonna’s lily.



Annunciation

The announcement by the angel Gabriel to Mary that she would bear the Messiah. According to one tradition the Virgin Mary is in an enclosed garden and therefore flowers, such as lilies, are present.



Joseph, Mary, Jesus in the manger



Innocence

The innocence of the Christ Child as expressed symbolically in the form of the daisy. The simplicity, fresh appearance and white color gives the connotation of purity, innocence and cleanliness.

Two Turtledoves, Jesus' Presentation

“The Presentation” reminds us of the Jewish law that every firstborn son had to be dedicated to God and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtledoves’ or two young pigeons. (*Luke 2:24*)

The Magi

The three crowns represent the Wise Men from the east sent by Herod to Bethlehem to search for the Christ Child. (*Matthew 2:1-18*)



Flight into Egypt

After the Wise Men had left, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you ; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” (*Matthew 2:13-23*)

Roman Persecution



Jesus' growth and learning

A burning lamp is a traditional symbol for wisdom.