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Artist in Architectural Stained Glass, Murals and Screens

Illuminations along the Bow

Stained Glass Windows for St. Pius X

The Beatitudes are a set of teachings by Jesus that appear in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The term Beatitude comes from the Latin adjective 'beatus' which means happy, fortunate, or blissful. The Beatitudes echo the highest ideals of the teachings of Jesus on mercy, spirituality and compassion. They follow one after the other, giving a message of hope, which becomes ever more powerful each time we hear them. In their flow and power they bring to mind a strong river, carrying us on a spiritual journey.

South Windows

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Window 1)

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. (Window 2)

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. (Window 3)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. (Window 4)

Marian Niche

The Blessing of Mary – the colours from the windows flow behind the statue of Mary and encircle a three-fold Lily – representing the Trinity. The circle helps to bring our focus on Mary and beautifies the Marian niche.

North Windows

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. (Window 7)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. (Window 8)

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Window 9)

Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Window 10)

Techniques

The watercolour-like design is created by a special artistic style of glass painting which connects to the field stone which surrounds the altar. The windows will be created in one piece with a golden cross laminated onto the surface. The Beatitude is inscribed within the golden light. All of the glass is kiln fired and tempered.

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