

ST. TIMOTHY PARISH OFFERS STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

We offer this prayerful presentation as a means for families to pray the Stations of the Cross together, with children of all ages.

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The images presented here are pictures of the outdoor Stations of the Cross on the grounds of St. Timothy' Parish. They were created and installed by a parishioner, Michael Petro, as his Boy Scout Eagle project. Michael is now studying to become a priest with the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. As you pray these stations, please keep Michael and his vocation in mind.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

“We adore you, O Christ and we praise you.

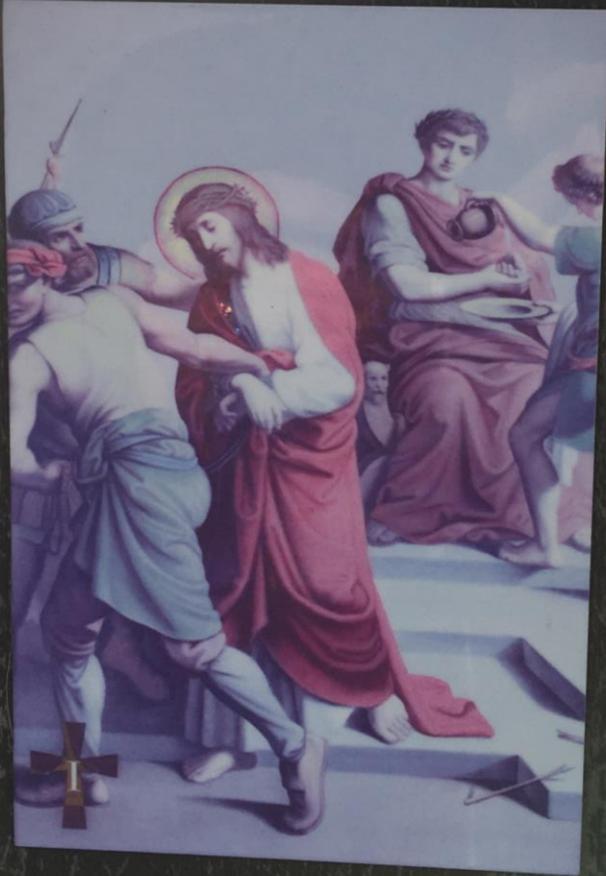
*Because by your Holy Cross you have
redeemed the world.”*

Repeat at the start of each station.

FIRST STATION

Jesus is condemned to death

Jesus was accused of many crimes he didn't commit. He didn't defend himself. He knew he needed to die for our sins.



Prayer to Jesus

Jesus, I often get defensive when I know I did something wrong. Help me be honest. I also don't want to be a tattletale or accuse others of doing wrong.

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SECOND STATION

Jesus accepts the Cross



The cross was big and heavy. It was hard for Jesus to carry it. Jesus carried the heavy cross without complaining once.

Prayer to Jesus

Sometimes schoolwork or jobs at home are hard for me and I complain. Jesus, please help me not to complain. I want to keep trying, even when I find something hard.

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THIRD STATION

Jesus falls the first time

Jesus was already badly wounded when he fell the first time. It must have hurt very much. Jesus got up and kept on going.



Prayer to Jesus

When we don't succeed in school or when we lose a sports game, it can make us feel defeated. Jesus was hurt but never defeated. Jesus, I want your attitude of hope and victory even if I am not succeeding.



FOURTH STATION

Jesus meets His Mother

Jesus knew that his mother was sad to see him suffering so much. But he was so happy she came to him. Mary loved Jesus very much.



Prayer to Jesus

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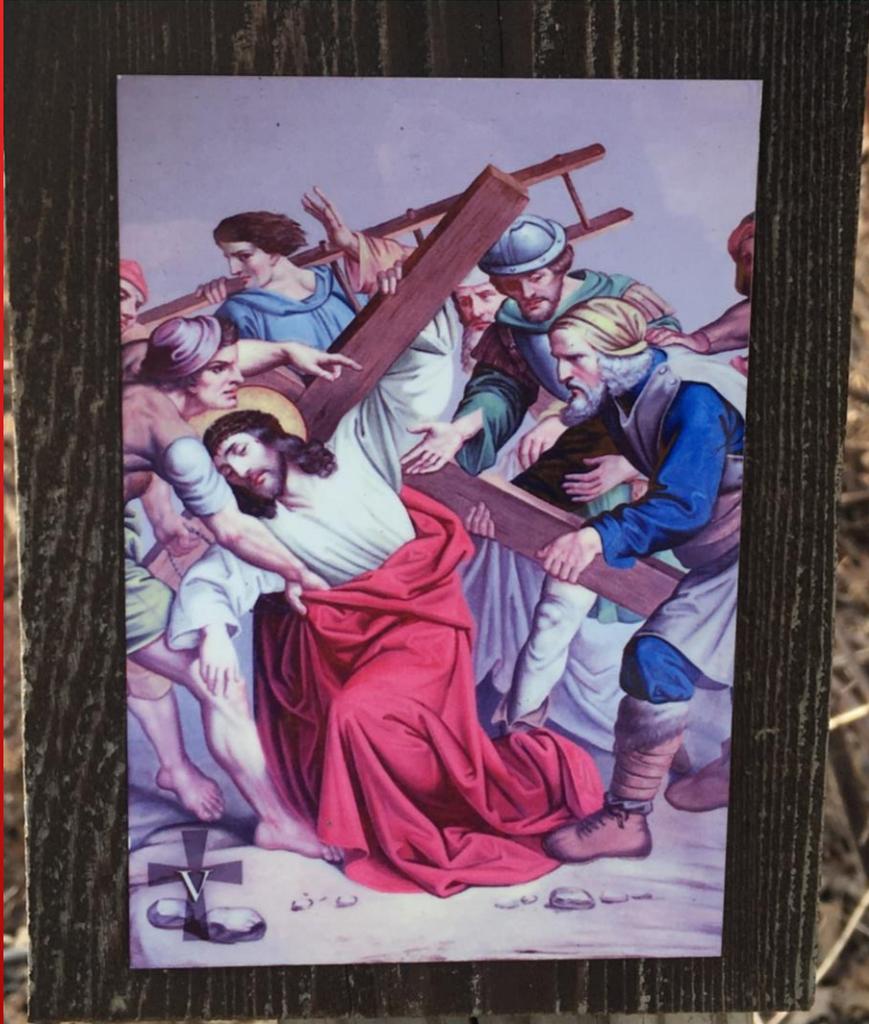
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FIFTH STATION

Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus

Simon didn't come to help Jesus but to see what was going on. Then he was ordered by the soldiers to carry the cross, because Jesus was having such a hard time.



Prayer to Jesus

Sometimes I don't want to help my friends or brothers and sisters or parents when I am told to. Jesus, help me know that when I do help others, it is like helping you. I want to be kind and helpful.

SIXTH STATION

Veronica wipes Jesus' face

Veronica loved Jesus very much. When she stepped out to wipe his face, she risked getting in big trouble from the soldiers. Her love and kindness overcame her fear.



Prayer to Jesus

*Jesus, I want to love you like
Veronica. Help me to be brave
and love others who are
unpopular.*

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SEVENTH STATION

Jesus falls a
second time.

Jesus fell again because he was so weak and tired from all his wounds. He still didn't give up. He got back up and continued on.



Prayer to Jesus

Think of something that makes you feel weak, something that is hard for you to do. Ask Jesus to help you with this.



EIGHTH STATION

Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.

A lot of people were against Jesus, but a lot of people followed him. They were his faithful friends.



Prayer to Jesus

*Help me to be a faithful friend.
When my friends are going
through a hard time or are being
made fun of, I want to help
them and be a true friend.*



NINTH STATION

Jesus falls a third time.

It's unbelievable that Jesus fell again and the soldiers didn't help him. They only yelled louder for him to get up and continue on. Jesus didn't get mad at them; he forgave them.



Prayer to Jesus

Sometimes people say or do hurtful things to us or don't help us when we need them. Jesus, help me to forgive everyone like you did. Help me not to get angry or hold a grudge against someone who has hurt me.





TENTH STATION

Jesus is stripped of his clothes.

To be without clothes in front of everyone is a humiliating thing. Jesus wasn't ashamed because he knew his Father in heaven loved him and everyone who was there.

Prayer to Jesus

Jesus, I want to know how much you and the Father love me, so I will never be embarrassed or ashamed.

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ELEVENTH STATION

Jesus is crucified

The soldiers drove nails through Jesus' hands and feet. They lifted up the cross and put it in place. Jesus was in a lot of pain.



Prayer to Jesus

Many people suffer pain every day from being sick, hungry, poor, and because of war or natural disasters. Jesus, please comfort everyone who is in pain today.

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TWELFTH STATION

Jesus dies on the cross

When Jesus died, the sky got dark and the ground started to shake. This made some people very scared. They saw that Jesus was innocent and that they had made a big mistake.



Prayer to Jesus

Jesus, help me to admit when I make mistakes. Help me to say I'm sorry. Thank you for always forgiving me. I love you, and I want to do the right thing.

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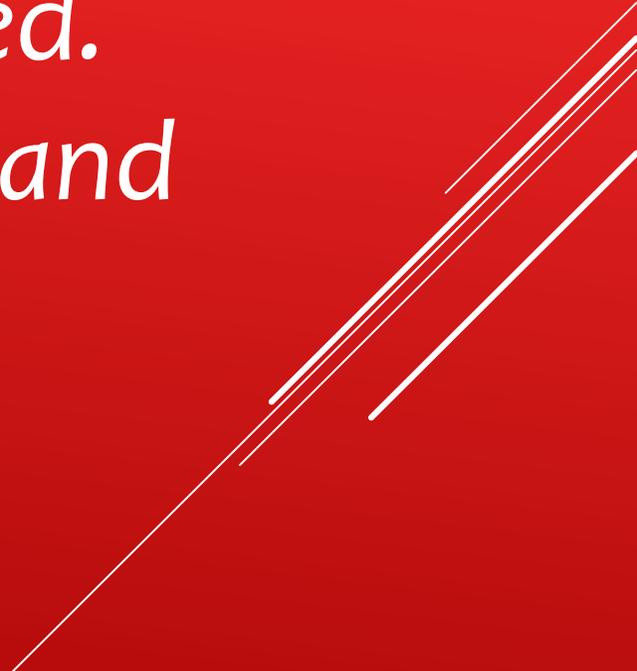
THIRTEENTH STATION

Jesus' body is taken down from the cross.

Joseph of Arimathea gave Jesus his own burial cave because Jesus didn't have a place to be buried. Joseph was another one of Jesus' friends who took a risk to help him.

Prayer to Jesus

Sometimes it is risky to step out and help people who are in need. Jesus, I want to be a risk-taker and help others. Give me love and courage.

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FOURTEENTH STATION

Jesus is laid
in the tomb.

Even when things look very
difficult and sad, there is
always hope that God can
bring new life.



Prayer to Jesus

*Jesus, I believe that you died
and rose from the dead
so that I could have new life.
Thank you!*

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