

Stations of the Cross Reflections

Parish Mission 2009

Station One – Jesus is Condemned to Die - Have I forgiven anyone who has falsely accused me of something? Do I need to be forgiven for any false accusations I've made, even though they were only in my mind?

Station Two – Jesus Takes Up His Cross – Whose pardon should I seek for complaining when things were tough? Whose real problems did I reduce to unimportant by the way I did or did not respond?

Station Three – Jesus Falls the First Time – When was the last time I tried to blame someone else for my mistakes? Have I withheld understanding for someone else's shortcomings?

Station Four – Jesus Meets His Mother – How much have I pretended not to see and meet my parent's needs? Have I forgiven my parents for not being 'perfect'?

Station Five – Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross – Whose help have I refused because of my pride? How frequently have I said "It's not my business" when it should have been?

Station Six – Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus – Have I ever thanked all the 'Veronicas' in my life? Whose face should I have gently touched, but didn't out of fear of intimacy?

Station Seven – Jesus Falls the Second Time – Is there anyone to whom I should now or should have given a second chance? Have I failed to try again on some matter of importance?

Station Eight – Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem – How many women are there in my life whom I have taken for granted? How do I treat women in general? Be specific.

Station Nine – Jesus Falls the Third Time – Are there addictions in my life, which I no longer try to conquer? Is there anyone on whom I have just "given up"?

Station Ten – Jesus is Stripped of His Garments – Is either hard or soft porn a part of my life? Do I resent the way my spouse/parents/children look now?

Station Eleven – Jesus is Nailed to the Cross – Have I ever "added insult to injury" – kicked someone when they were down? Have I forgiven those who have caused me pain—deliberate or not?

Station Twelve – Jesus Dies on the Cross – Have I put off seeing a sick person until it was too late? What, if anything, can I do about it now? Are there people who weren't there when someone I loved was dying? How do I view them now?

Station Thirteen – Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross – Are there people who simply don't understand my need to grieve? Who are the people in my life who need time, space/understanding as they grieve a loss?

Station Fourteen – Jesus is Laid in the Tomb – In burying my past sins—have I let go — have I forgiven me? Have I truly "let bygone be bygones" by forgiving others – by trusting in God's mercy?