THE STATIONS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Why not take a moment to listen to this week's Word of the Week. Close our eyes and picture yourself in the scene, the beginning of Jesus' journey to the cross. LISTEN HERE

WORD OF THE WEEK

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (Mark 15: 1-15)

Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate. "Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate.

"You have said so," Jesus replied.

The chief priests accused him of many things. So again Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of."

But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

"Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate, knowing it was out of selfinterest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

"What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them.

"Crucify him!" they shouted.

"Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

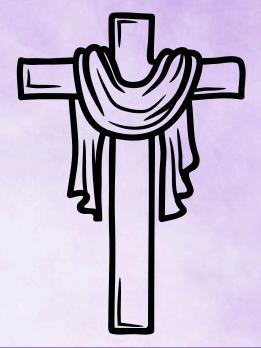
Lord Jesus, as we journey through the Stations of the Cross this week, we reflect on Your sacrifice and love. Help us to deepen our understanding of Your passion and the incredible love You have for each one of us.

Guide our hearts as we remember the moments You carried the weight of the cross, You stumbled, You were rejected, and You forgave. May these moments inspire us to carry our own crosses with faith and perseverance,

knowing that You are with us, guiding us every step of the way. Like Simon of Cyrene, may we learn to help others, especially those who are suffering or feeling lost. Like Veronica, may we be bold enough to show love and compassion, even in the face of hardship.

May we walk with You through the stations of the cross and emerge with hearts that are transformed by Your love.

Amen.



THE JOURNEY

Jesus' journey teaches us about perseverance, sacrifice, and the importance of loving others, even when it is difficult. It calls us to reflect on how we handle our own struggles and how we can follow His example of love and selflessness. As we meditate on Jesus' path to the cross, we are invited to consider: How do we respond in difficult times? How can we live out the love of Christ in our everyday lives?

When you face challenges or feel overwhelmed, how do you respond? What can you do to trust God more during those times?

Jesus' journey was a powerful example of love and sacrifice. How can you live out that same love in your daily life, even in small ways?

How can you hold onto hope and trust that God is with you, even in difficult situations?



"To live by faith means to put our lives in the hands of God. Especially in the most difficult of moments."

Pope Francis

At the Cross- Hillsong LISTEN HERE

Lead me to the Cross <u>LISTEN HERE</u> Jesus showed us this when He walked to the cross, facing unimaginable pain and suffering, yet still trusting in God's plan. When we go through tough times, it's easy to doubt or feel lost. But like Jesus, we're called to trust that God is with us, even in our hardest moments. The Stations of the Cross remind us that faith doesn't mean life is easy—it means trusting God no matter what.

"We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."