

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Way of the Cross imitates the practice of visiting the places of Jesus' Passion in the Holy Land by early Christian pilgrims. The first stations outside Palestine were built in Bologna in the fifth century. This devotion was encouraged by the Franciscans, and it became common in the fifteenth century.

This Good Friday, the plan was to have these stations placed around the church and invite people to walk to each station, read the scripture, ponder the images, meditate on questions, engage in an interactive activity, and then close with a prayer. There would be chairs to sit at and the idea was to go at your own pace during the three hours of silence between noon and three.

During these times of isolation and lack of gathering in our buildings, these stations have been modified for home use.

Each one has the same format: Holy scripture, visuals to ponder, questions to think about for personal insights, interactive activities, and a closing prayer written by members of the Batavia Education for Ministry Class.

May you be blessed this season of opposites: of dark and light, holding on and letting go and death and resurrection.