

Christian Holy Week Project

Grade 7 Religion

As we enter into the 40 days of the lenten calendar, and prepare for Easter, we will learn about the Stations of the Cross and the Paschal Triduum. The Stations of the Cross refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ of his day of crucifixion (Good Friday) and accompanying prayers.

Commonly, a series of 14 images will be arranged in numbered order along a path and the faithful travel from image to image, in order, stopping at each station to say the selected prayers and reflections. This will be done individually or in a procession most commonly during Lent, especially on Good Friday, in a spirit of reparation for the sufferings and insults that Jesus endured during his passion.

Your Assignment: Working individually, you will be assigned one of the 14 Stations, or a particular event that occurred in Christ's life before or after the crucifixion. There will be 3 parts to this project:

Part 1: Research

Using the internet, or any biblical source of your choosing, you will build your knowledge and understanding about your chosen event, what it is meant to depict, and why it is an important piece in the story of Jesus' last days on Earth.

Part 2: Artwork

Using what you have learned from the internet and any images you selected to use as inspiration, you will create an art piece of your Station. This art can come in any form you desire (within reason), but must depict your Station and that particular part of Christ's passion with a title somewhere on it.

Part 3: Tour/Presentation

After our artwork is complete, we as a class will be taking a trip to St. Gerard Parish to view and appreciate the Stations of the Cross on display within the church. During this visit, each person will have a chance to tell the rest of the class about their station as we view them. This visit will count as your "presentation." For everyone else, we will allow class time for a brief explanation of your artwork, and how it fits into the Easter season and the story of Jesus.

The 14 Stations of the Cross

Station 1: Jesus is condemned to death

Station 2: Jesus takes up his cross

Station 3: Jesus falls for the first time

Station 4: Jesus meets his mother

Station 5: Simon helps Jesus

Station 6: Veronica wipes Jesus' face

Station 7: Jesus falls for a second time

Station 8: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

Station 9: Jesus falls for a third time

Station 10: Jesus' clothing is removed

Station 11: Jesus is nailed to the cross

Station 12: Jesus dies on the cross

Station 13: Jesus is taken down from the cross

Station 14: Jesus is laid in the tomb

Other than the 14 Stations, appropriate events include:

- Palm Sunday
- Cleansing of the Temple
- Judas betrays Jesus
- The Last Supper
- The Denial of Peter
- Mary and the others find the empty tomb
- Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus
- Jesus ascends into Heaven
- The Great Commission

Due date is TBD

Parish visit date is TBD