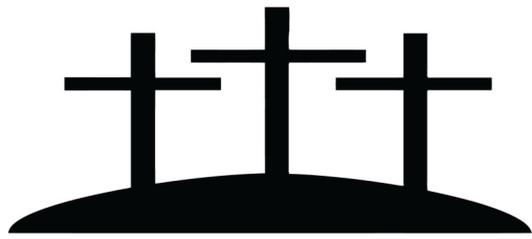




Is God calling you to be a priest?
 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart... He will direct your path."
 (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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Stations of the Cross

There is something in us that moves us to visit the scene where an important event occurred. Visitors flock to the Ford Theater to stand where President Lincoln was assassinated; mourners visit the site of the Oklahoma City bombing; Elvis admirers tour Graceland. So it was for the early Christians who greatly desired to journey to Jerusalem and to see with their own eyes the places where Jesus lived, suffered and died. The traditional sites of the Lord's passion soon became popular stopping places; even today the Via Dolorosa is included in most pilgrims' itineraries.

Because not everyone was able to visit Jerusalem, pilgrims brought back stories and images of what they had seen for those who remained at home. Eventually, shrines that focused on the passion and death of the Lord appeared all over Europe. In the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, increased emphasis on the suffering of the Messiah, coupled with the fervor of the Franciscan friars, led to widespread acceptance of a devotion that traced the footsteps of Jesus from his trial to his tomb.

But it was more than curiosity that caused this devotion to flourish. Prayers that emphasized Jesus' obedience unto death, sorrow for sin, and God's abiding love and mercy were at the heart of it. Although the reforms of the Second Vatican Council placed greater emphasis on the Sunday Mass, the stations of the cross are still a valuable resource for prayer, especially during Lent, with its twofold emphasis on baptismal renewal and penitential acts.

Essential to this devotion, whether prayed by an individual or a group, is meditation on the passion of the Lord is spoken and sung prayer, and movement from one station to the next. Ideally, everyone walks in procession to each station, uniting ourselves in our bodies to the Lord's passion and death.

The number of stations has varied widely over the centuries. Recent revisions have omitted stations not included in the scriptures, and added stations that are, such as Jesus praying in the Garden of Olives, the denial of Jesus by Peter and Jesus' promise to the good thief. Frequently, a fifteenth station depicting the resurrection of Jesus is added to illustrate the fullness of the paschal mystery.



STATIONS of the CROSS

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**SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2020
PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD**



*The King of glory enters -
He is God - the mighty Lord*

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Reconciliation

Saturdays:
3:00 - 3:30 pm

Baptism :

Expectant parents welcome to register, and speak with Fr. Ron after Mass

Matrimony :

Must register at least eight months in advance. Book the Church before the hall.

Communion at Home :

Lay ministers are available to bring Communion to shut-ins. Phone the parish office.

Prayer-Line :

Rose Marie Spina
254-4064

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(Italian)

Visiting & Card

Ministry:

If you wish to send cards or have someone visit people who are confined to their homes. Contact the parish office.

"Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty."

- Pope Francis

REGULAR CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS

**Tues - Friday
9:00-12:00**

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

During this time, we invite you to please drop off your donation envelopes at our office by depositing your envelope in the mail slot of the office door. Thank you.

Thank-you To All Who Give!!

Web site: veronica.church

TELEVISED ONLINE MASS
Saturday, April 4 & Sunday, April 5
Website: veronica.church
***check website for times**

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Friday, April 10, 2020

The Resurrection of the Lord - Easter Sunday

Saturday, April 11 & Sunday, April 12, 2020

Mass Intentions:

Giovanna Marrelli by Pasquale Marrelli.

Francesco and Ortenzia Guzzo - 10th Anniversary

Mass by the Guzzo family.

Agostino Guzzo by wife Maria and family.

For the intentions of all parishioners of St. Veronica's.



Development and Peace Share Lent Collection - an update on the situation -

During these uncertain times because of the COVID-19 crisis, Development and Peace has made the decision to cancel or postpone all of its in-person meetings and events across Canada. Lent is a vital time of year for the organization, and so we invite you to participate to our virtual Share Lent campaign and act in solidarity with our partners in the Global South and the most vulnerable populations that will be all the more affected by this pandemic. This Lent, give from the heart.

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