

Do you know? #2

STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

I guess as Catholics we all know what the Stations of the Cross are, but did you know that the vestment colour is related to the suffering of Christ? In the Passion reading, remember they placed a cloak around His shoulders in order to mock Him. That cloak was the 'royal purple' of the time, hence the purple vestments.

Cantor: *We adore You, O Christ, and Praise You.* Response: *Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the World.* The Choir sing the chant '*Adoramus Te Christe, et benedicimus tibi.....*' during Lent; representing the Latin version of this invocation.

There are fourteen 'Stations' as we journey prayerfully and pictorially around the Church. These fourteen pictures represent 'The Way of The Cross', found in the Passion Readings of Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Pictorial representation is so important that the Stations are never covered with purple (violet) cloth, even when other representations or pious objects are covered from Passion Sunday.

Regular 'rounds of the Stations' attach to themselves special indulgences and spiritual healing. During Lent, Parishes usually hold the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings, some Parishes make the special effort to hold them every night.

Since Vatican II, many of the Traditional Lenten practices have been allowed to fall by the wayside as being 'old stuff' however they were the practices of many Saints of the Church for centuries and must hold tremendous spiritual value.

Stations of The Cross will be held in our Chapel on Wednesdays during Lent but **not on Ash Wednesday.**

Do you know? What is the difference between a Cross and a Crucifix?