St. Catherine of Alexandria



Taken from
"The Way of the Cross"

Opening Prayer:
Minister:
God of power and mercy,
in love you sent your Son
that we might be cleansed of sin
and live with you forever.
Bless us as we gather to reflect
on his suffering and death
that we may learn from his example
the way we should go.

We ask this through that same Christ, our Lord.

All:
Amen.

All (Sing):
Stabat mater dolorósa juxta Crucem lacrimósa,
dum pendébat Fílius.
Cuius ánimam geméntem, contristátam et
doléntem pertransívit gládius.
O quam tristis et afflícta fuit illa benedícta,
mater Unigéniti!
All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.



First Station: Jesus is Condemned to Death

Minister:
We adore you, Christ, and we bless you.

All:
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

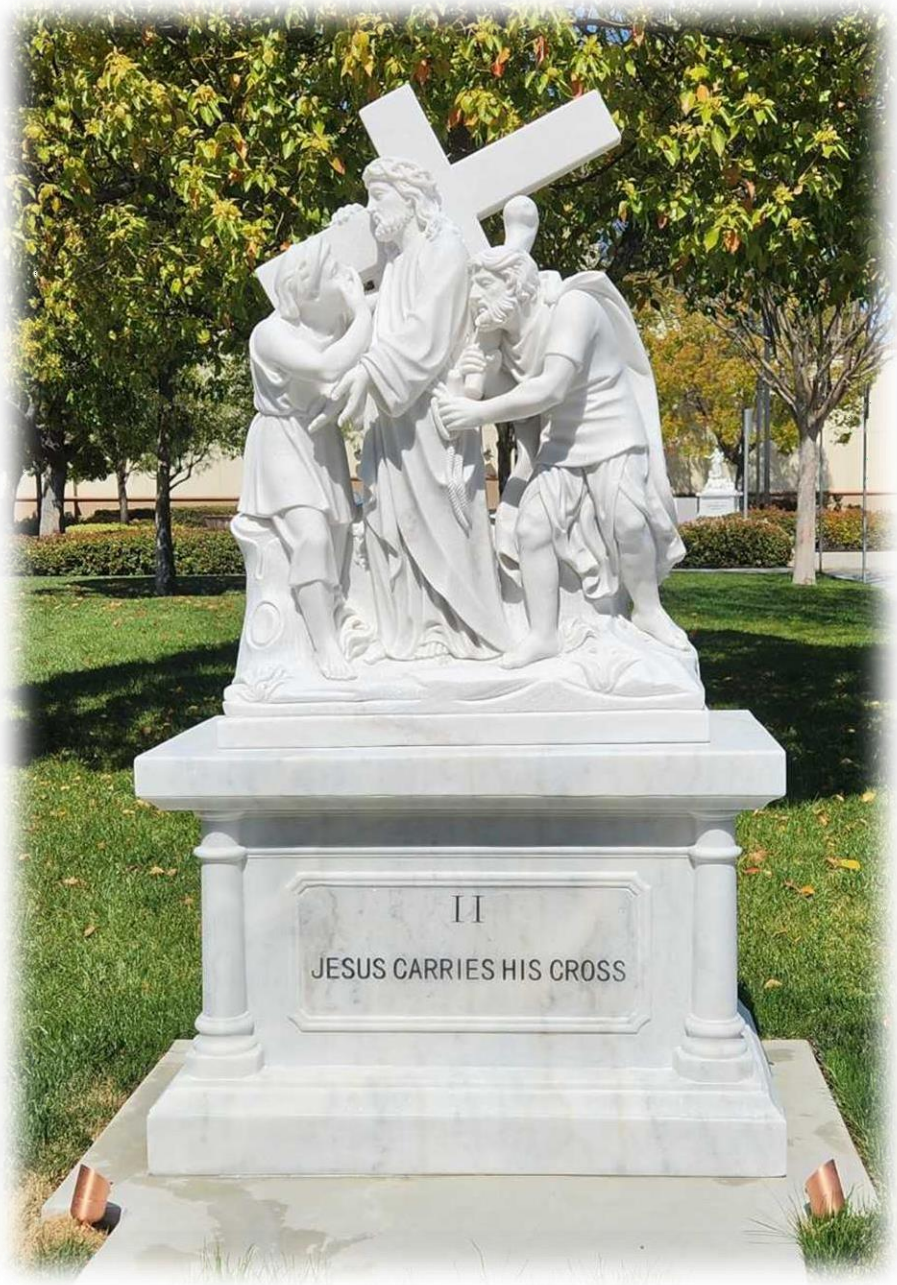
Reader:
Pilate entered the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin." (John 19: 9-11)

Minister:
Lord,
grant us your strength and wisdom,
that we may seek to follow your will in all things

All (Sing): Quae mœrébat et dolébat, pia Mater, dum vidébat nati pœnas ínclyti.

While all move to the next station, say:

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.
Our father, who art in Heaven...
Hail Mary, full of grace...
Glory be to the Father,...



Second Station: Jesus Carries his Cross

Minister:
We adore you, Christ, and we bless you.

All:
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader:
Now it was the day of preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Here is your king!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, we have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. (John 19: 14 -17)

Minister:
Lord,
grant us the courage of our con ictions
that our li es may faithfully reflect the good news you bring.

All (Sing): Quis est homo qui non fleret, matrem Christi si videret in tanto supplicio

While all move to the next station, say:

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.
Our father, who art in Heaven…
Hail Mary, full of grace…
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Third Station: Jesus Falls the First Time

Minister:
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All:
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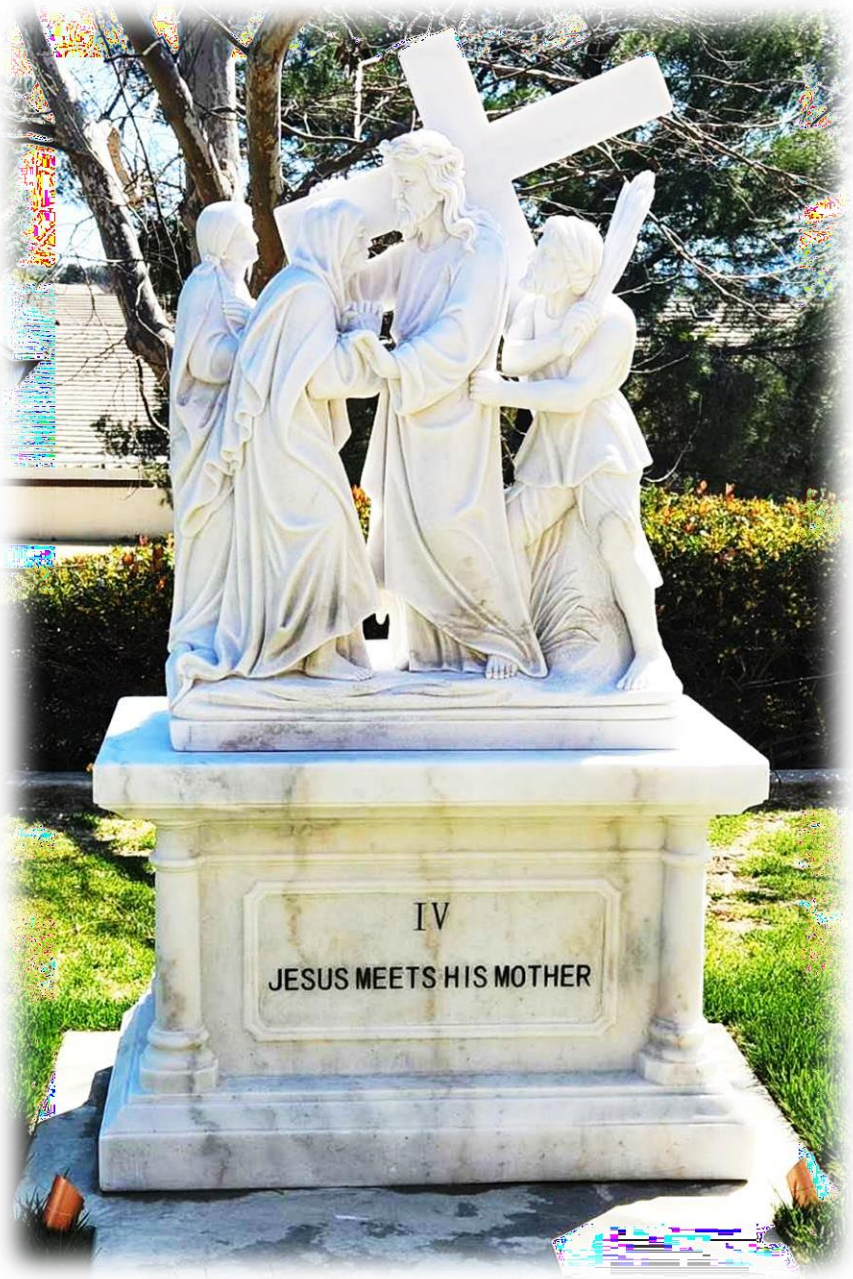
Reader:
Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
(John 12: 24-25)

Minister:
Lord,
grant us your sense of righteousness
that we may never cease to work
to bring about the justice of the kingdom that you promised.

All (Sing): Quis non posset contristari Christi Matrem contemplari dolentem cum Fillio

While All move to the next station, say:

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.
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Fourth Station: Jesus Meets his Mother

Minister:
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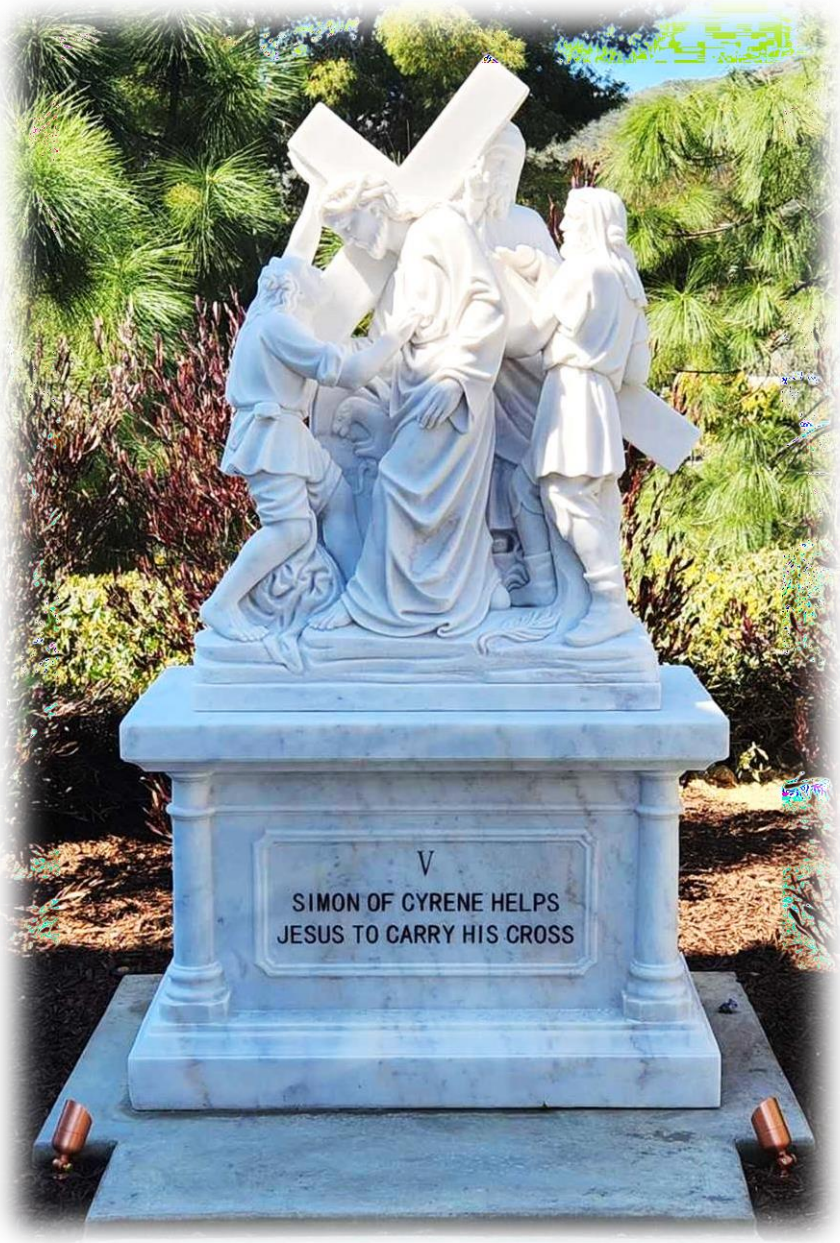
Reader:
Meanwhile, standing near the cross of esus were his mother, and his mother s sister; Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother; "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.
(John 19: 25-27)

Minister:
Lord,
grant us the gift of honesty
that we may not fear to speak the truth even when difficult.

All (Sing): Pro peccátis suæ gentis vidit Jésum in torméntis, et flagéllis súbditum.

While All move to the next station, say:

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.
Our father, who art in Heaven…
Hail Mary, full of grace…
Glory be to the Father,…



Fifth Station: Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus to Carry His Cross

Minister:
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

All:
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader:
They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.
(Mark 15: 21)

Minister:
Lord,
grant us discernment
that we may see as you see, not as the world sees.

All (Sing): Vidit suum dulcem Natum moriéndo desolátum, dum emísit spíritum.

While All move to the next station, say:

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.
Our father, who art in Heaven…
Hail Mary, full of grace…
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Sixth Station: Veronica Washes the face of Jesus

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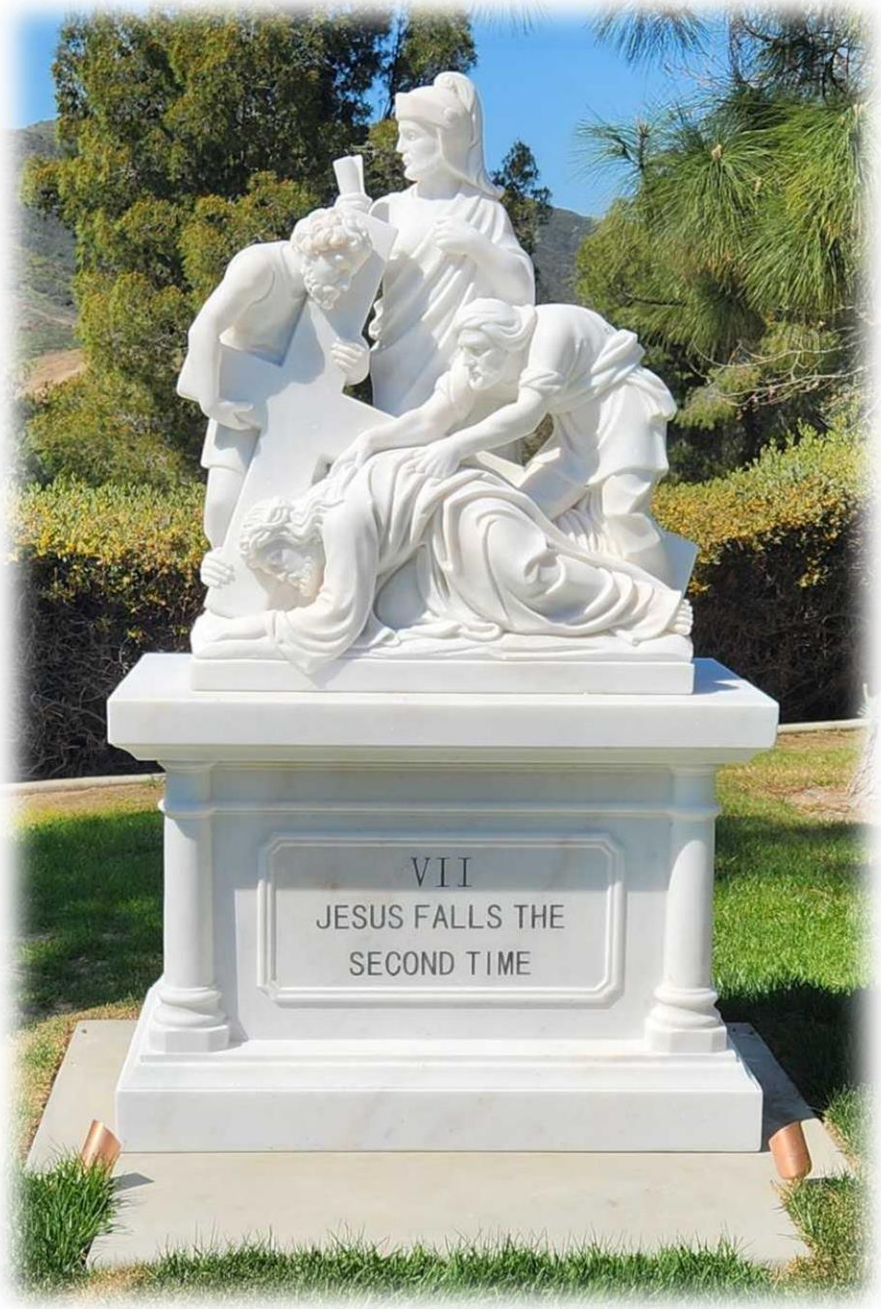
Reader:
Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."
(John 12: 20-21)

Minister:
Lord,
grant us patience in times of suffering
that we may offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise.

All (sing): Eja, Fater, fons amoris me sentire vim doloris fac, ut tecum lugeam.

While All moves to the next station, say:

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.
Our father, who art in Heaven…
Hail Mary, full of grace…
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Seventh Station: Jesus Falls the Second Time

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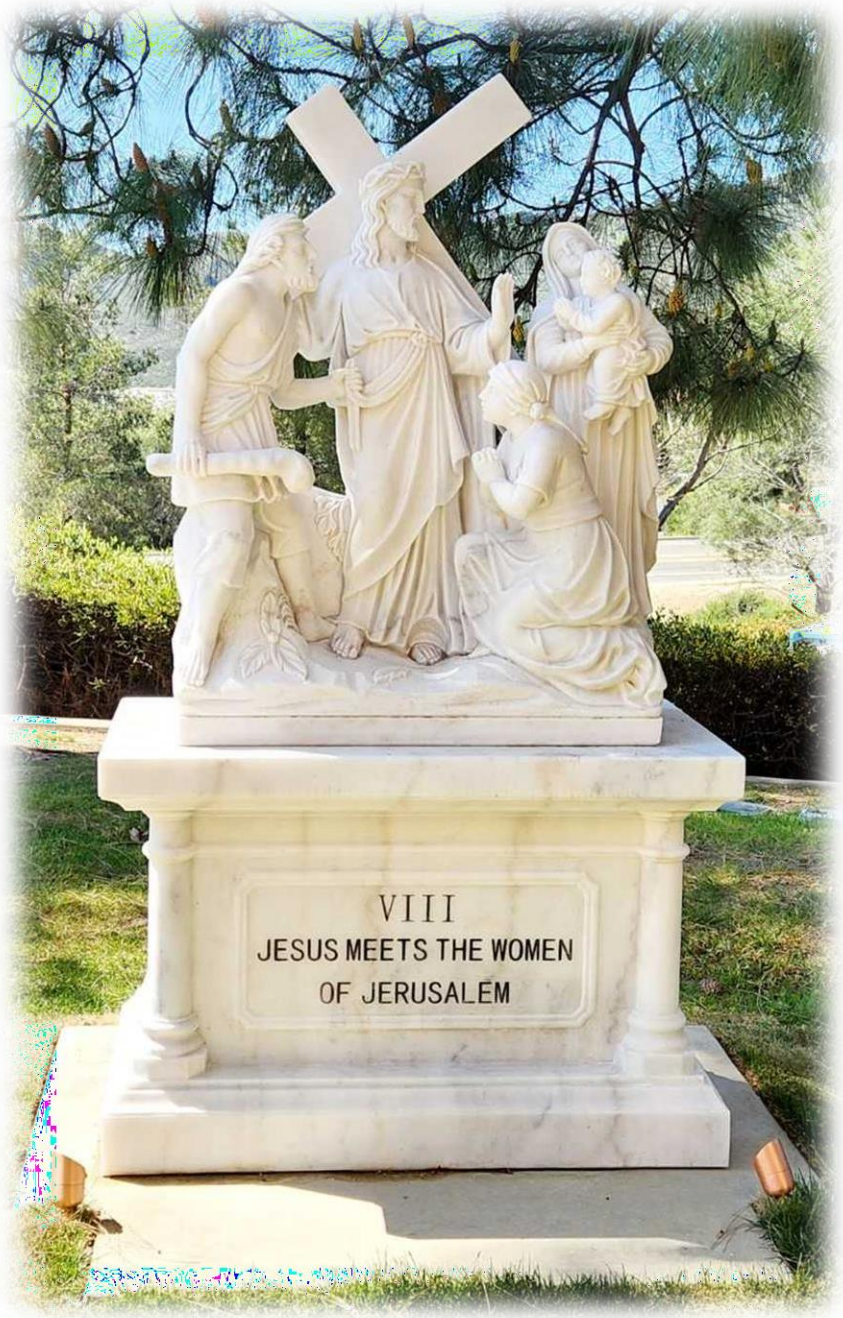
Leader:
Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. (John 13: 3-5)

Minister
Lord,
grant us strength of purpose
that we may faithfully bear our crosses each day.

All (sing): Fac, ut ardeat cor meum in amando Christum Deum ut sibi complaceam.

While All move to the next station, say:

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.
Our father, who art in Heaven…
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Eighth Station: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

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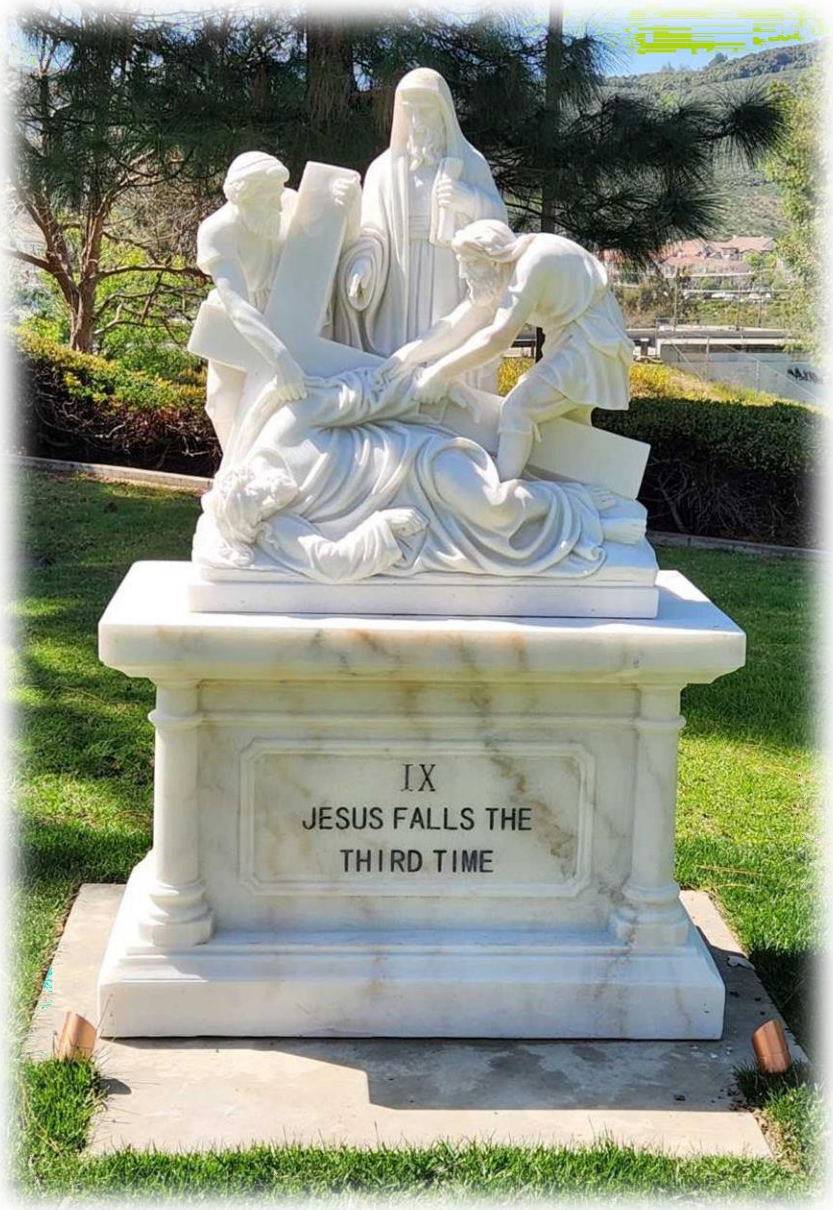
Leader:
A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us;" and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"
(Luke 23: 27-31)

Minister:
Lord,
grant us willing spirits
that we may be your instruments on earth.

All (sing): Sancta Mater, istud agas, crucifixi fige plagas cordi meo valide.

While All moves to the next station, say

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.
Our father, who art in Heaven…
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Ninth Station: Jesus Falls the Third Time

Minister:
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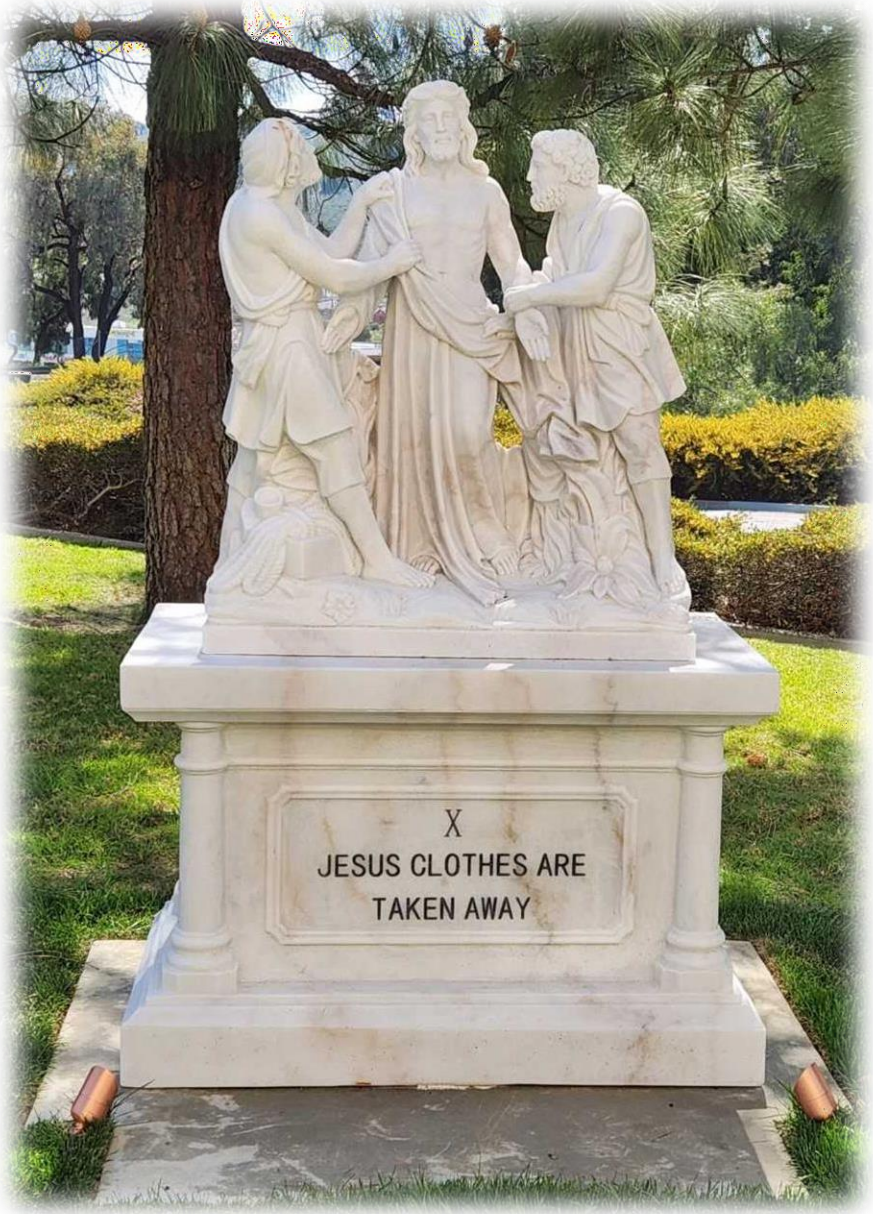
Leader:
Jesus said to Thomas , "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.
(John 14: 6-7)

Minister:
Lord,
grant us gentle spirits
that we may comfort those who mourn.

All (sing): Tui Nati vulnerati, tam dignati pro me pati, paenas mecum divide.

While All move to the next station, say:

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.
Our father, who art in Heaven…
Hail Mary, full of grace…
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Tenth Station: Jesus Clothes are Taken Away

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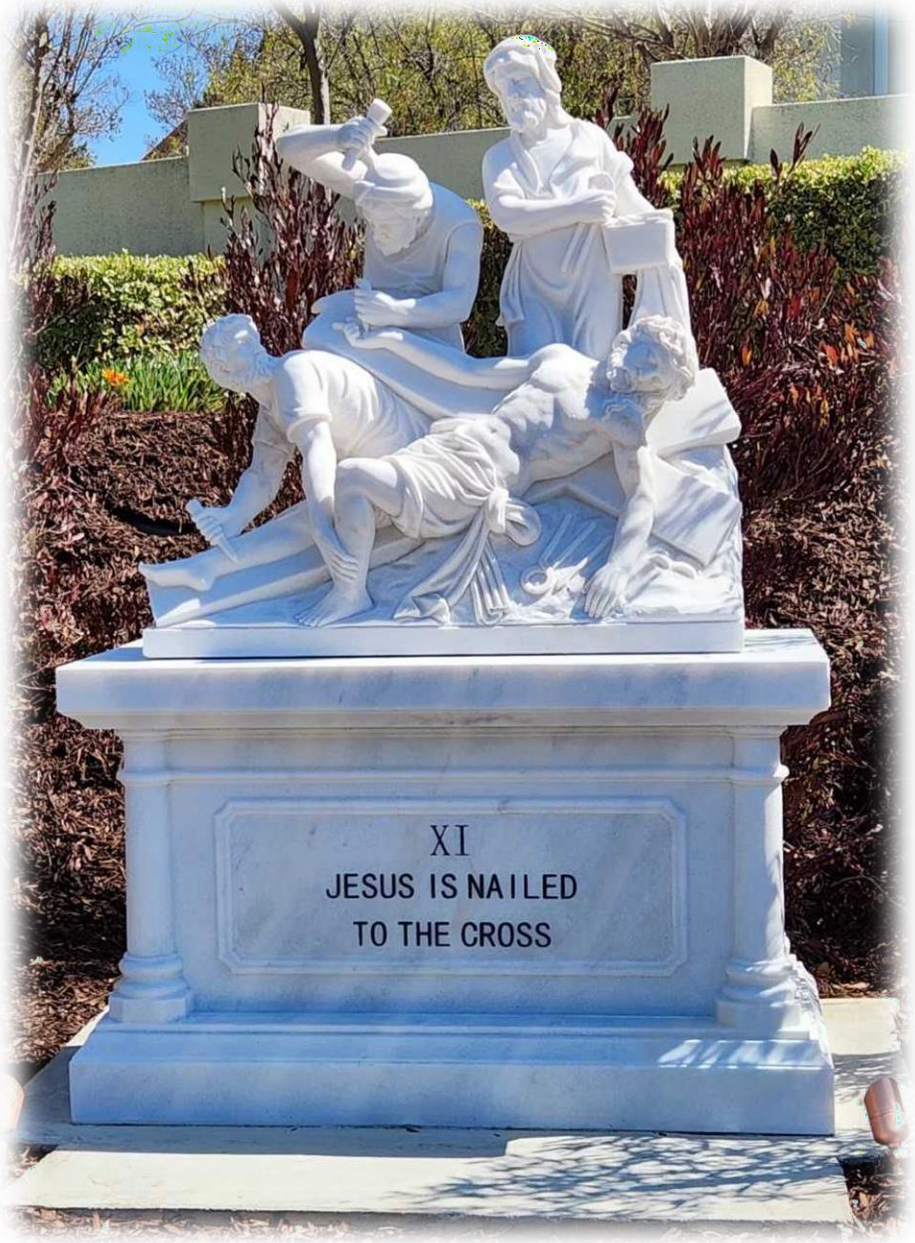
Leader:
When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they too his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did.
(John 19: 23-25)

Minister:
Lord,
grant us merciful hearts
that we may bring your reconciliation and forgiveness to all.

All (sing): Fac me tecum pie flere, crucifixo condolere, donec ego vixero.

While All moves to the next station, say:

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.
Our father, who art in Heaven…
Hail Mary, full of grace…
Glory be to the Father,…



Eleventh Station: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

Minister:
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

All:
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader:
Carrying the cross by himself, Jesus went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews." (John 19: 17-19)

Minister:
Lord,
grant us perseverance
that we may never stop see ing you.

All (sing): Juxta Crucem tecum stare, et me tibi sociare in planctu desidero.

While All move to the next station, say:

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.
Our father, who art in Heaven…
Hail Mary, full of grace…
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Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross

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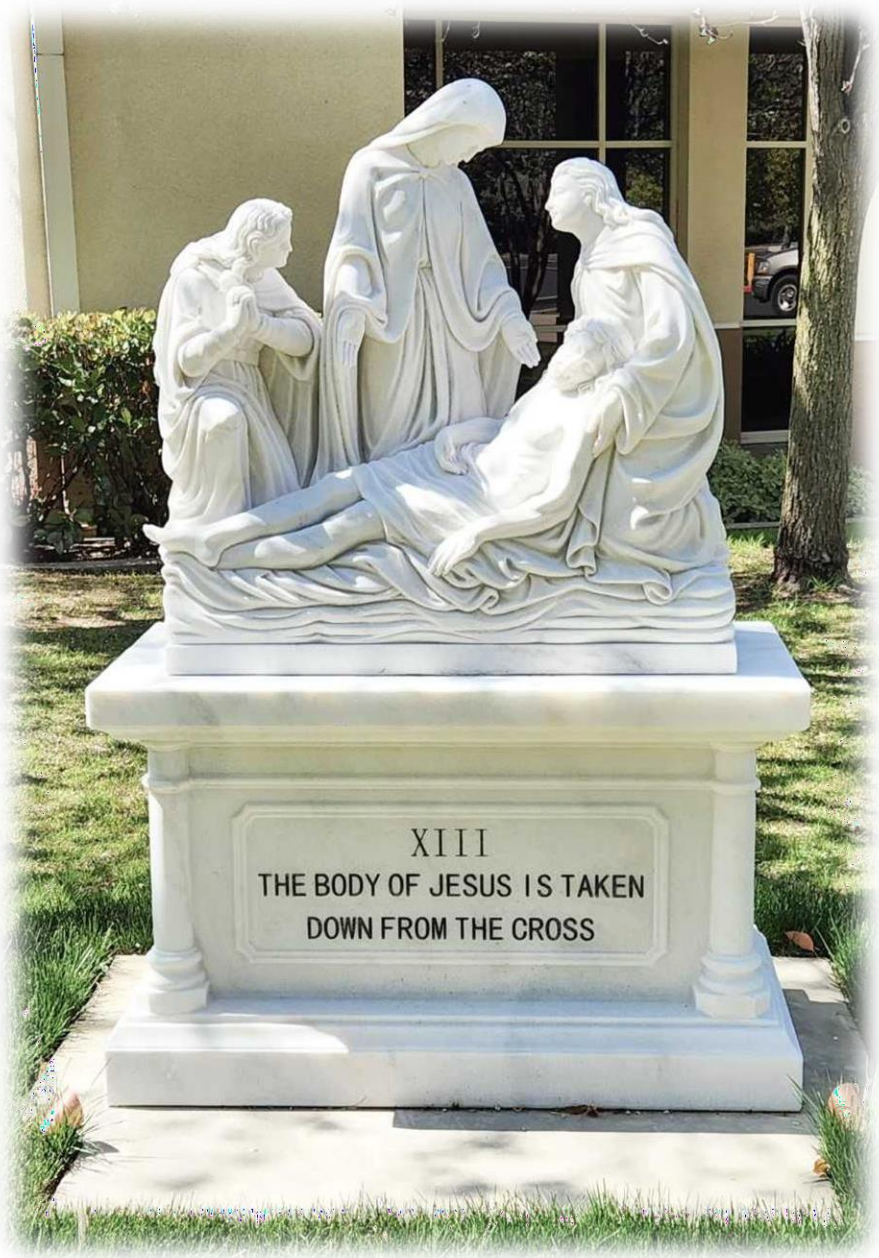
Leader:
After this, when Jesus new that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
(John 19: 28 - 30)

Minister:
Lord,
grant us constancy
that we may be willing to stand by those in need.

All (sing): Virgo virginum praeclara, mihi iam non sis amora, fac me tecum plangere.

While All move to the next station, say:

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.
Our father, who art in Heaven…
Hail Mary, full of grace…
Glory be to the Father,…



Thirteenth Station: The Body of Jesus is Taken Down From the Cross

Minister:
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

All:
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader:
Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, as ed ilate to let him ta e away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mi ture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds.
(John 19: 38-39)

Minister:
Lord,
grant us trust in you
that when our time on earth in ended
our spirits may come to you without delay.

All (sing): Fac ut portem Christi mortem, passionis fac consortem, et plagas recolere.

While All move to the next station, say:

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.
Our father, who art in Heaven…
Hail Mary, full of grace…
Glory be to the Father,…



Fourteenth Station: Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

Minister:
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

All:
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader:
Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.
(John 19: 40-42).

Minister:
Lord,
grant us your compassion
that we may always provide for those in need.

All (sing): Fac me plagis vulnerrari, fac me Cruce inebriari, et cruore Filii.

While All moves to the next station, say:

All: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.
Our father, who art in Heaven…
Hail Mary, full of grace…
Glory be to the Father,…



Closing Prayer

Minister:
Lord Jesus Christ,
your passion and death is the sacrifice that unites earth and heaven
and reconciles all people to you.
May we who have faithfully reflected on these mysteries
follow in your steps and so come to share your glory in heaven
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever.

All:
Amen.

1. *Flammis ne urar succénsus, per te, Virgo, sim defénsus in die iudícii.*
2. *Christe, cum sit hinc exire, da per Matrem me veníre ad palmam victóriæ.*
3. *Quando corpus moriétur, fac, ut ánimæ donétur paradísi glória.*



THE FOURTEEN STATIONS PLUS THE RESURRECTION

Note: For ADA Ramp Access in between Stations X and XI, access the parking lot area from the ADA Ramp parking stall near Station XIII.

I. Jesus is condemned to death.

II. Jesus carries his cross.

III. Jesus falls the first time.

IV. Jesus meets his mother.

V. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross.

VI. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

VII. Jesus falls the second time.

VIII. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.

IX. Jesus falls the third time.

X. Jesus' clothes are taken away.

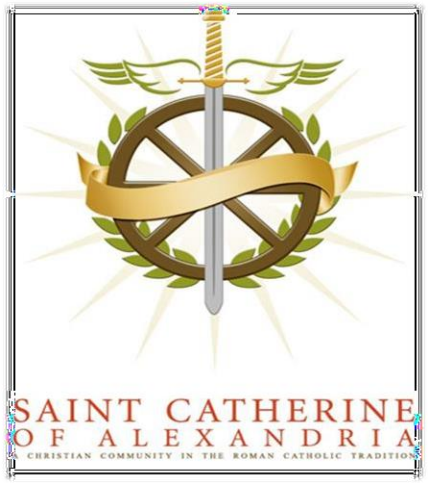
XI. Jesus is nailed to the cross.

XII. Jesus dies on the cross.

XIII. The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross.

XIV. Jesus is laid in the tomb.

✝ The Resurrection of Jesus Christ



Mission Statement

By promoting the teachings of Jesus, St. Catherine of Alexandria welcomes all people to share in our blessed sacraments to strengthen and inspire our faith, to bring all closer in relationship to Jesus and creating friendship and unity in ethnic groups and committees as we walk in his footsteps daily.

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