

# Family Funday: Stations of the Cross

## A brief history

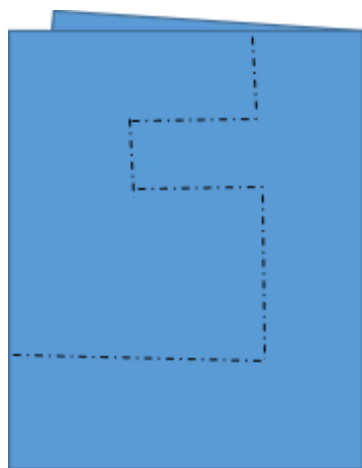
While we can pray the Stations of the Cross anytime of the year, it is traditional to pray them every Friday during Lent to remind us of the suffering Jesus went through so we might have everlasting life through him.

The 14 stations we have today were solidified in 1731 by Pope Clement XII—that means we've only prayed them 290 years out of the 2000 years of our Catholic faith! Before Pope Clement, only Franciscans prayed the stations, and each one had their own number and variation of the stations. Pope Clement wanted to be sure all people could pray them, and so he gave permission to place the 14 stations we use today inside all our churches.

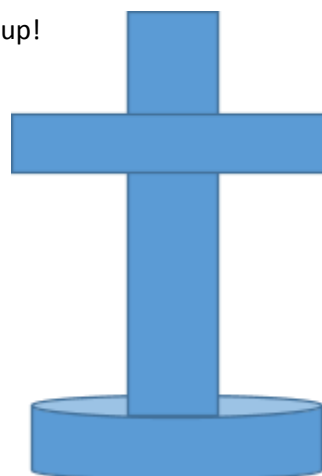
This year, our church will pray the stations virtually every Friday using our Lenten calendar. We hope you tune in every week and pray along with us!

## Family Project: Let's set up the Stations of the Cross in our homes during Lent!

One of the things you can do in your home is to set up your own Stations of the Cross! There's a number of ways you can do it, but here is one way that's easy, simple, and fun! Print out the second page of this document. Color the stations and cut them out. Then, take a piece of brown paper and fold it in half. Cut along the dotted lines:



It will look like this when you open it up!



(Loop the bottom straps and tape them together so the cross stands up on its own.)

Tape a station to the cross.

Now you can set it anywhere in your house!



# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

