STATIONS OF THE CROSS
February 19:
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March 19:
Meditations by Joan Chittister; Stations of the Cross by Janet McKenzie

March 26:
Meditations by Fr. Jim Garvey; Stations of the Cross from Santa Fe Cathedral

April 2:
Meditations by Johan van Parys; Stations of the Cross by Lucinda Naylor.
Opening Prayer

Presider: Let Us Pray...
My Lord Jesus Christ, you have made this journey to die for me with infinite love. So many times I have sinned, but I repent sincerely because I love you. Pardon me, my God. I will love you all my life.

All: Amen.
THE FIRST STATION

JESUS CONDEMNED TO DEATH
Jesus Is Condemned to Death

V. We adore you, Christ, and we praise you.
R. Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Meditation
Jesus, after having been scourged and crowned with thorns, was unjustly condemned by Pilate to die on the Cross.

Prayer
Presider: Let us Pray...
Jesus, it is because of my sins that You are going to die. Through the merits of Your sorrowful journey, help me in my journey to Heaven. I love You, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love You always and to do Your will.

All: Amen.

At the bidding of the cantor, please sing.

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THE SECOND STATION

JESUS RECEIVES THE CROSS
Jesus Is Made to Bear His Cross

V. We adore you, Christ, and we praise you.
R. Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Meditation
Jesus, in making this journey with the Cross on His shoulders, thought of us, and offered for us, to His Father, the death that He was about to undergo.

Prayer
Presider: Let us pray...
Jesus, I embrace all the suffering that you send to me. Through the merits of your pain in carrying Your Cross, help me to carry my cross with patience and resignation. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

All: Amen.

At the bidding of the cantor, please sing.

Now the cross as Jesus bore it, Has become for us who share it, Symbol of our victory.

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THE THIRD STATION

JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME.
**Jesus Falls the First Time**

V. We adore you, Christ, and we praise you.
R. Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

**Meditation**
Jesus fell for the first time under His Cross. He had been scourged and had a crown of thorns on His head, and the soldiers hit Him. He was in so much pain He could barely walk, but He had to carry the heavy Cross.

**Prayer**
Presider: Let us pray...
Jesus, the weight of my sins adds to your suffering and makes it infinitely worse. Through the merits of your first fall, deliver me from falling into mortal sin. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

All: Amen.

*At the bidding of the cantor, please sing.*

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\[ \text{Pain on head and back you carry, May we just but} \]
\[ \text{briefly tarry, Pond'ring now what love will do.} \]
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THE FOURTH STATION

JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER
Jesus Meets His Mother

V. We adore you, Christ, and we praise you.
R. Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Meditation
Jesus met His Mother Mary along His journey. They loved each other so deeply.

Prayer
Presider: Let us pray...
Jesus, through the sorrow and joy you had in meeting your Mother Mary, help me to be truly devoted to her. Mary, help me to remember in my heart the suffering your Son underwent for me. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

All: Amen.

At the bidding of the cantor, please sing.

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THE FIFTH STATION
SIMON HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS CROSS

V. We adore you, Christ, and we praise you.
R. Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

MEDITATION
When the Jews saw how weak Jesus was, they feared He might die on the way, before He was crucified, so they forced a man named Simon the Cyrenian to carry the Cross behind our Lord.

PRAYER
Presider: Let us pray...
Jesus, I accept the cross you give to me, and I accept how you want me to die. I offer all my sufferings and troubles to you. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

All: Amen.

At the bidding of the cantor, please sing.
THE SIXTH STATION
VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

V. We adore you, Christ, and we praise you.
R. Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

MEDITATION
A woman named Veronica, seeing Jesus suffering so much, and sweat and blood dripping down His face, gave Him a towel to wipe His face. By a miracle, He left an image of His face on the towel.

Prayer
Presider: Let us pray...
Jesus, your face was once clean and good to look upon, but blood and sweat disfigured it, and Veronica wiped Your face clean. My soul was once clean and beautiful when I was baptized, but sin disfigured it. Through your suffering, wipe my soul clean. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love You always and to do Your will.

All: Amen.

At the bidding of the cantor, please sing.
THE SEVENTH STATION

JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME
**Jesus Falls a Second Time**

V. We adore you, Christ, and we praise you.
R. Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

**Meditation**
Jesus fell the second time under the Cross. The fall renues all the pain in His body and makes His head throb.

**Prayer**
Presider: Let us pray...
Jesus, so many times you have forgiven me, and so many times I have sinned again. Through the merits of your second fall, help me and preserve me in your grace until I die. Help me to call on you every time I am tempted. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

All: Amen.

*At the bidding of the cantor, please sing.*

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THE EIGHTH STATION
Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

V. We adore you, Christ, and we praise you.
R. Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Meditation
These women wept with compassion at seeing Jesus walking to His death. But Jesus said to them, “Weep not for me but for your children.”

Prayer
Presider: Let us pray...
Jesus, I am sorry for all my sins, because of the pain and sadness they cause you, who loves me so much. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

All: Amen.

*At the bidding of the cantor, please sing.*

Like the women at your passion, Loving hearts within us fashion, That we might bear other’s pain.
THE NINTH STATION

JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME.
Jesus Falls the Third Time

V. We adore you, Christ, and we praise you.
R. Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Meditation
Jesus fell for the third time. He was so weak and the soldiers pushed Him to walk faster, but He could barely move.

Prayer
Presider: Let us pray...
Jesus, by my weakness in temptation, you are going to Calvary. Give me strength to conquer temptation. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

All: Amen.

At the bidding of the cantor, please sing.
THE TENTH STATION
Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments

V. We adore you, Christ, and we praise you.
R. Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Meditation
The soldiers snatched Jesus’ robe off Him.

Prayer
Presider: Let us pray...
Jesus, help me to strip my soul of bad habits so I can give all my love to you, who are so worthy of all my love. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

All: Amen.

At the bidding of the cantor, please sing.
Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

V. We adore you, Christ, and we praise you.
R. Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Meditation
Jesus was thrown down onto the Cross. He stretched out His arms and offered His life to the Father for our salvation. The soldiers nailed Him to the Cross and pushed the Cross to stand up.

Prayer
Presider: Let us pray...
Jesus, keep my heart. Keep me always close to you. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love You always and to do Your will.

All: Amen.

At the bidding of the cantor, please sing.

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THE TWELFTH STATION

Jesus dies on the cross
**Jesus Dies on the Cross**

V. We adore you, Christ, and we praise you.
R. Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

**Meditation**
After suffering for three hours on the Cross, Jesus gave up His life to the Father and died.

**Prayer**
Presider: Let us pray...
Jesus, through my sins, I deserve to be punished, but your death is my hope. Through the merits of your death, give me the grace that when I die, I will die as you want me to. I entrust my soul into your hands. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

All: Amen.

At the bidding of the cantor, please sing.
THE THIRTEENTH STATION

[Image: A relief sculpture depicting a scene from the Passion of Christ, with the inscription "JESUS TAKEN FROM THE CROSS."
Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross

V. We adore you, Christ, and we praise you.
R. Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Meditation
Two of Jesus’ disciples took Jesus down from the Cross and Mary His Mother held Him close to her heart.

Prayer
Presider: Let us pray...
Mary, sorrowful Mother, pray to your Son for me. Jesus, you have died because you love me. Help me to love you always. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

All: Amen.

At the bidding of the cantor, please sing.
THE FOURTEENTH STATION
JESUS IS LAID IN HIS TOMB

V. We adore you, Christ, and we praise you.
R. Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

MEDITATION:
The two disciples and Mary laid Jesus in a tomb.

PRAYER
Presider: Let us pray...
Jesus, You rose on the third day. Through your Resurrection, make me rise glorious on the last day, to be always with you in Heaven, praising and loving you. I love you, Jesus. I repent of my sins. Help me to never sin again and to love you always and to do your will.

All: Amen.

At the bidding of the cantor, please sing.
Closing Prayer
Presider: Let us pray...
Jesus, I kneel before you and ask you: fill my heart with faith, hope, and charity, with true repentance for my sins, and a firm desire of amendment.
Closing Meditation: God has loved us from all eternity. Before we existed, before He created us, before He created the world, He loved each of us already. From all eternity, God loves us.
All: Amen.

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