

Dear Parishioners,

As we all know, Holy Week is the holiest week of the liturgical year. We commemorate and remember all the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. This year due to the pandemic, we will not be able to celebrate Holy Week as a parish community.

Among all celebrations, Stations of the Cross is a powerful way to contemplate and enter into the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself for us. With God's grace and blessings, we are able to build and complete a NEW OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS located on the lawn between 10th Ave and our Church. We invite you and your family to come and mediate on Jesus' passion and death through the Stations of the Cross to follow Jesus on His journey to the cross. Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen wrote: "The great tragedy of the world is not what people suffer, but how much they miss when they suffer. Nothing is quite as depressing as wasted pain, agony without an ultimate meaning or purpose." The Stations of the Cross make tangible every imaginable aspect of human suffering, all of which were on full display in the events of Christ's passion. And the Stations teach us to see the suffering's purpose, especially in a time when so much of it surrounds us.

You can pray the Stations of the Cross alone or as a family during this Holy week at anytime by signing up. **Please click this link to choose your own time slot:** <u>Sign Up for Stations of the Cross</u> Prayers and reflections for each station can be downloaded to your phone or you can have them printed at home by clicking on the PDF file attached in the email. <u>Please be reminded that to comply with the social distancing rules mandated by the Ministry of Health, we will not allow anyone to drop in without a signup.</u>

Come join Jesus on His Journey to the Cross. Have a blessed Holy Week.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Babu Mathew Pastor, OLPH Church