

# WAY OF THE CROSS



# Opening Prayer


**Lord Jesus Christ,  
fill our hearts with the light of your Spirit,  
so that following you on your final journey,  
we may come to know the price of our  
redemption and become worthy of a share in the  
fruits of your Passion, Death and Resurrection.  
You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.**

# Opening Scripture

**Mark 15:21-39**







# Way of the Cross



Photo source: [www.glanmireparish.ie](http://www.glanmireparish.ie)

The **Way of the Cross** (or Via Crucis) is a Catholic devotional practice of recalling the key events between Jesus' arrest and death depicted in a series of artistic representations (either painting or sculpture) called '**stations**'.

The object of these stations is to serve as halting places for the faithful to pause and meditate on the chief scenes of Christ's Passion and Death.

# The Way of the Cross

- **Also known as...**
  - The Stations of the Cross
  - The Way of Suffering
  - The Way of Sorrows
  - The Via Dolorosa
    - *(The Sorrowful Way)*

# **Two Minute Video on the Via Dolorosa**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yezjLhCXuzU>

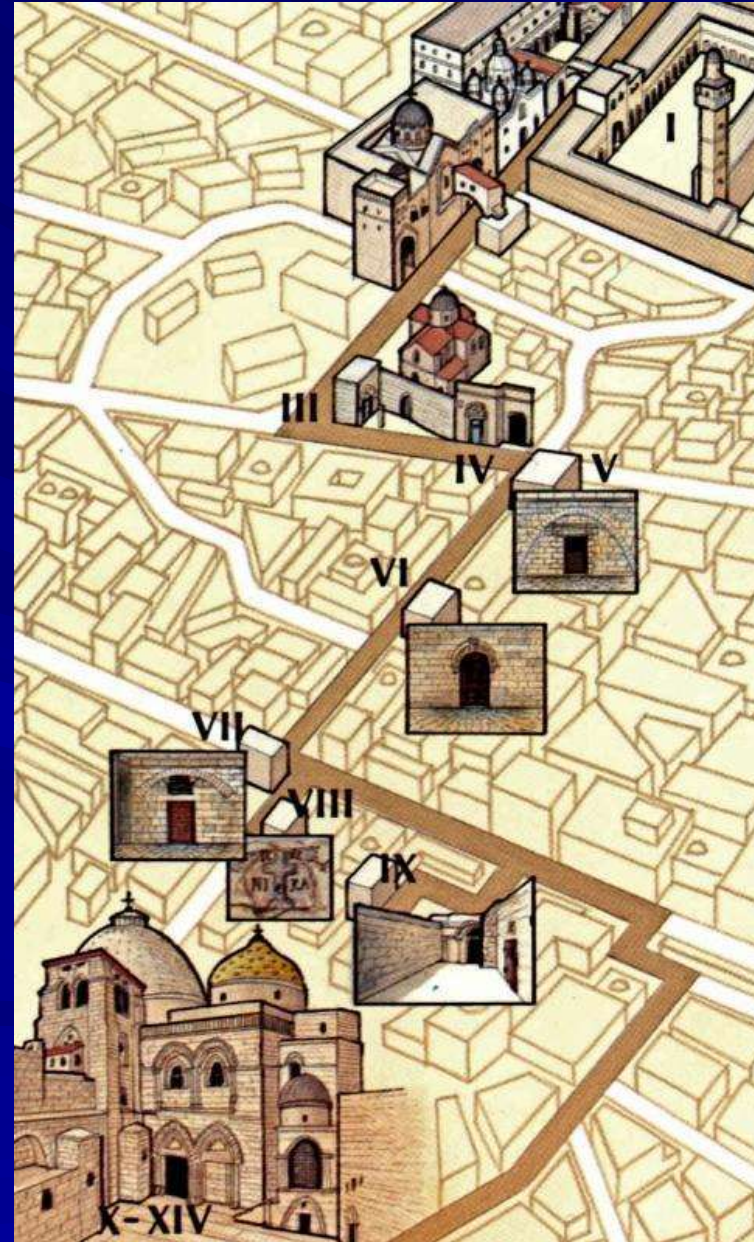




[Jerusalem, Israel: Via Dolorosa and Church of the Holy Sepulchre - YouTube](#)



# The Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem





# **History of The Stations of the Cross**

**Video**

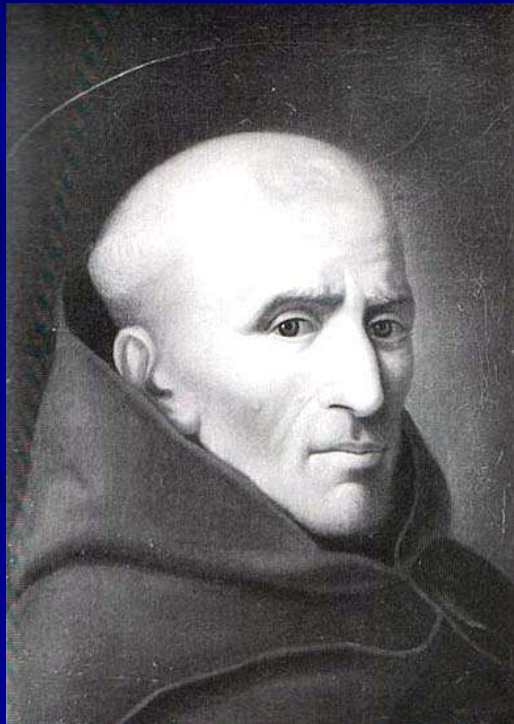


**Stations**  
of the  
**Cross**

[The History of the Stations of the Cross - YouTube](#)

# Who Popularized the Stations of the Cross?

- Leonard of Port Maurice or Porto Maurizio (Italy) (1676–1751), a Franciscan, who established what we know as the 14 Stations of the Cross.





# THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



I  
Jesus is  
condemned  
to Death



II  
Jesus  
Carries His  
Cross



III  
Jesus Falls  
the  
First Time



IV  
Jesus Meets  
His Blessed  
Mother



V  
Simon Helps  
Jesus to  
Carry His Cross



VI  
Veronica  
Wipes the  
Face of Jesus



VII  
Jesus  
Falls the  
Second Time



VIII  
Jesus Speaks  
to the Women  
of Jerusalem



IX  
Jesus  
Falls the  
Third Time



X  
Jesus is  
Stripped of  
His Garments



XI  
Jesus is  
Nailed to  
the Cross



XII  
Jesus  
Dies on the  
Cross



XIII  
Jesus is  
Taken Down  
from the Cross



XIV  
Jesus is  
Laid in the  
Sepulchre

# Stations of the Cross

## ■ Where are they found?

- In Holy Spirit they are on the left and right walls of the nave
  - Station 1 is above the choir pit
  - Station 14 is near the votive candles
  - There are also stations in the Adoration Chapel
- The stations are placed in similar locations in other Catholic Churches



# Example From Holy Spirit



- This is the XI Station at Holy Spirit, "Jesus is nailed to the Cross"
- It is on the right-side wall of the church as you face the altar



# Examples From Other Churches



# Closing Prayer

**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.**

Questions?



**Closing Prayer**  
**Video Mediation on the Via Dolorosa**



[Sandi Patty - Passion of the Christ Clips - Via Dolorosa - YouTube](#)