

Christians on a Journey

Devotional Opportunities for Holy Week

Seder Meal – Tuesday, April 11, 7PM

Passover or Pesach, is an important, biblically derived Jewish holiday. The Jewish people celebrate Passover as a commemoration of their liberation by God from slavery in Egypt and their freedom as a nation under the leadership of Moses. It commemorates the story of the Exodus as described in the Hebrew Bible especially in the Book of Exodus, in which the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt. According to standard biblical chronology, this event would have taken place at about 1300 BCE.

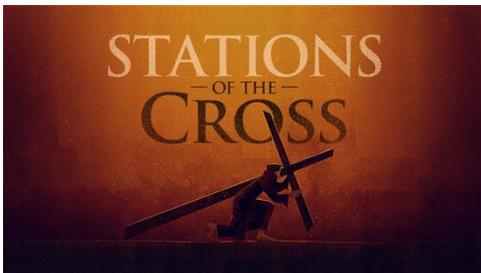
The Passover Seder is a Jewish ritual feast that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover. It is conducted on the evening of the 15th day of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar throughout the world. The word seder actually means “order” and is a specific set of experiences “ordered” to give someone a real taste of spiritual depth and most of all freedom.



Please join us on Tuesday, April 11 at 7PM, at St. Raphael’s Catholic Church, 4072 New Street, where we will be sharing a Seder meal, remembering the Passover experienced by Jesus and his apostles at the Last Supper. Rev. Frank Wagner, SC, will guide through the rituals as we rediscover the Jewish roots of Christianity. ***This event will require a sign-up sheet for each church by April 6, as we need to know how many will be attending for purposes of food preparation.***

Stations of the Cross – Good Friday, April 14, 8PM

Stations of the Cross or the Way of the Cross, also known as Way of Sorrows or Via Crucis, refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers. The stations grew out of imitations of Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem which is believed to be the actual path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary. The object of the stations is to help the Christian faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ. It has become one of the most popular devotions and the stations can be found in the churches of many Western Christian denominations, including Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist and Western Orthodox parishes.



Please join us on Good Friday, at 8PM, at St. Raphael’s Catholic Church, 4072 New Street, where the suffering and death of Jesus will be encountered through a series of live tableaus and prayers.