

Confirmation Session Make Up

Veneration of the Cross

Read John 18:1-19:42, which was proclaimed at the Good Friday service and answer the following questions.

- If you could be one of the persons who witnessed Jesus' Passion, who would you be and why?
- If you could sum up the Passion into 5 words, what would they be?
- Find a picture from modern times that depicts what the Passion means to you and please explain why you chose it.

Example:

"This photo was taken after the earthquake in Japan in March 2011. There had been various stories about a mother



using her body as a shield to protect her child from the falling building. Whether it is true or not, I don't doubt that a mother's love is strong enough to move her to sacrifice her own life for her child's. When I see a picture like this one, I am reminded about how strong God's love is for us through Jesus' sacrifice. We hear it time and time again in church about this sacrificial love but it become real when you see it personified in today's world. We are to God what this child was to his mother. And through all of the earth shaking events in our lives we can be reminded of that life-giving

love that was allotted to us through the Passion."

- John's gospel of the Passion differs from Matthew, Mark and Luke in how Jesus passes from this world. What do you think John means when he explains that Jesus "handed over the spirit" instead of "gave up his spirit" and "breathed his last"?

Activity: Every year, the youth assist with the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday. The service is on April 19 at 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm. You will need to sign up for one or both but please arrive 20 minutes prior. You will also need to be dressed appropriately, in a white shirt and black pants.

DUE DATE: Sign-up by Monday April 15 and paperwork by Tuesday, April 30