

DEAR DEACON BULLETIN INSERT

Once again, we are blessed to see our Faith Formation students taking the initiative and submitting questions as part of the Dear Deacon program in their spiritual growth and in their faith journey encouraged by their teacher, parents, our CCD staff, and Father Mike.

❖ Dear Deacon Jim,

Hello! This is from the 4th grade CCD Class in Freeland. We have been learning about the Stations of the Cross. We are having some trouble with this crossword puzzle. We have some answers but they do not fit! Can you please help?

❖ Response

First let me say that you all did a great job on the Stations of the Cross-crossword puzzle! The few questions you were having trouble with and requested assistance can indeed be a little challenging and there may be more than one response. Certainly, the correct choice is to get the correct word to fit in the spaces provided with all letters in the blocks.

We have inserted the **completed** crossword puzzle that your CCD class developed with those few blanks you have asked for some assistance. Those answers are in the RED color in both the Across and Down directions. I have also highlighted in Yellow those questions printed at the bottom of the crossword puzzle.

Here are a few comments regarding some of the answers you requested:

ACROSS

#14: VEIL

The Veil (or curtain) symbolized the separation of God and man. The tearing of the veil in the temple was significant not only because it happened but also in the way it happened. God tore the curtain, from top to bottom, in two pieces. God made a way for us through Jesus, and so He tore the veil that separated us from Him.

DOWN

#2: CROWDS

Jesus was mocked, laughed at and objects thrown at Him many times after His trial, when carrying the cross and His crucifixion by both the Roman soldiers, those in the crowds watching and by people passing as He was hanging on the cross.

#10: COVENANT

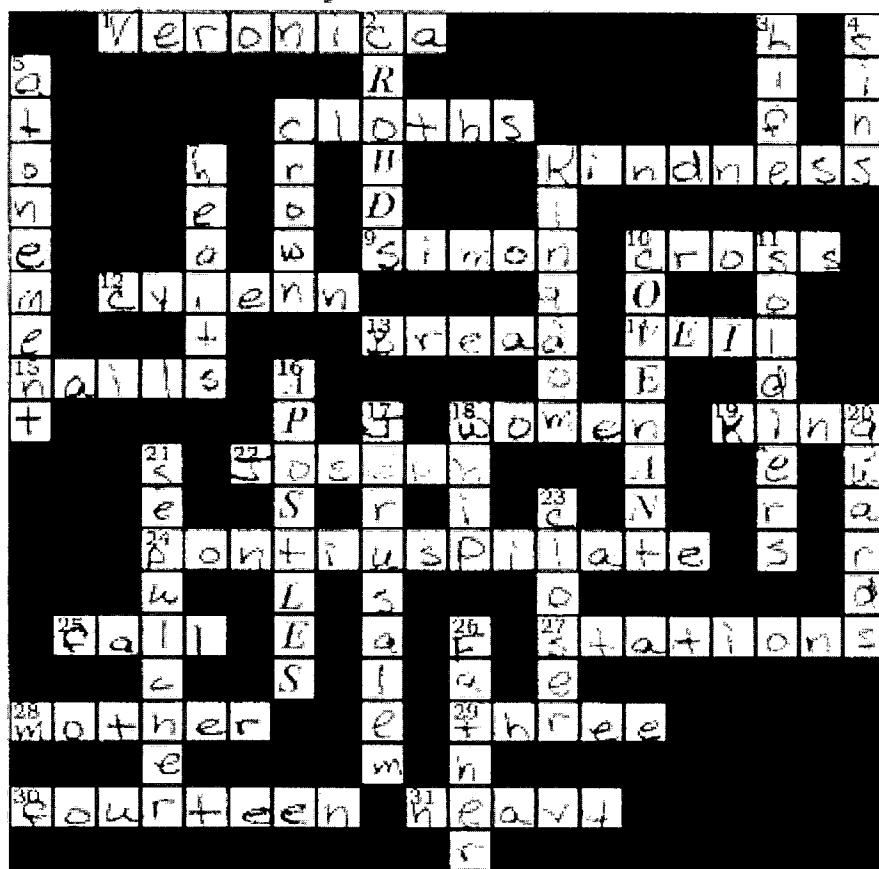
Jesus' death opened a New Covenant between GOD and the His people. His death defeated the power of Satan. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open **shame**, by triumphing over them in him (Colossians 2:15).

#16: APOSTLES

John was the only one of the Apostles who was present with Mary at the Jesus crucifixion and may have helped take Jesus down from the cross. Additionally, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea obtained a ladder and helped remove Jesus from the cross.

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Stations of the Cross Cross Word



ACROSS

- 1 Who wiped the face of Jesus?
- 6 Jesus' body was wrapped in _____.
- 8 Veronica performed an act of _____ for Jesus.
- 9 Who helped Jesus carry the cross?
- 10 What Christ was crucified on.
- 12 Where was Simon from?
- 13 In the Our Father, we ask God to give us our daily _____.
- 14 What tore at the Temple in Jerusalem when Jesus died?
- 15 What fastened Jesus' hands and feet to the cross?
- 18 Who did Jesus tell not to weep for him, but for all the sinners of the world?
- 19 Even bruised and bleeding, Jesus is our _____.
- 20 Who donated the tomb? _____ of Arimathea.
- 24 Who sentenced Jesus to death? (Two words)
- 25 What did Jesus do at the Third Station?
- 27 The fourteen stages of Christ's Passion, also called the Way of the Cross
- 28 Mary is Jesus' _____.
- 29 How many times does Jesus fall?
- 30 How many Stations of the Cross are there?
- 31 The cross was very _____.

DOWN

- 2 Who mocked Jesus, laughed at him, threw things as he was carrying His cross?
- 3 Jesus gave His _____ for us.
- 4 What is Jesus suffering for? Our _____.
- 5 Jesus is _____ for the sins of the world.
- 6 The soldiers put a _____ of thorns on Jesus' head.
- 7 Jesus' and Mary's _____ ached at each other's pain.
- 8 Jesus came to proclaim God's _____.
- 9 What did Jesus' death open? A new _____ with God.
- 10 Who beat Jesus?
- 11 Who beat Jesus?
- 12 Some of the _____ helped take Jesus down from the cross. ~~Soldiers but did not~~
- 13 In what city did Christ's passion take place?
- 14 The soldiers _____ Jesus when he fell a second time.
- 15 Who pulled off Jesus' clothes?
- 16 Jesus was laid in a tomb, also called a _____.
- 17 Our acts of kindness help us grow _____ to Jesus.
- 18 Our _____, who art in Heaven.

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