

A Spiritual Journey of Forty Five Stations To the Cross  
From Deacon Chris

Thursday in the First Week of Lent

**Ninth Station:** Joseph, the man of dreams is going to be sold into slavery by his brothers.

“We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.”

R/ “Because by your holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

Scripture

Genesis Chapter 37 verses 3 to 28

Friday Week 2 of Lent

Reflection

The passage that we have in the lectionary doesn't tell us that it was whilst Joseph's brothers were eating that the Midianites pulled Joseph out of the well and sold him on. The brothers then wondered what had happened to him and made up a story that he had been killed. They had lost their brother and the chance of making some money. Another episode of somebody being sold. This is a story of jealousy. Joseph is loved more by Israel (Jacob) than any of his brothers. Not a good thing to have in families. Joseph was a dreamer and his brothers couldn't cope with his interpretations of them.

The implications of what happened to Joseph will have far reaching effects.

Judah, one of Joseph's brothers, is mentioned in Matthew's genealogy of the Lord.

How do we cope when our eyes are starting to turn green? Do we recognise it and do something or do we fail to see within ourselves? When we know it is happening and do something about it the outcome is very rewarding but not always in material things.

In today's world many people are being sold into slavery by their family and they are lost in an underworld that is self-protective.

Our Father.

Hail Mary.

Glory be.

I love you, Jesus, my love, above all things, I repent with my whole heart of having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again. Grant that I may love you always; and then do with me what you will.