

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

Saturday in the Third Week of Lent

Twenty Fifth Station: The Birth of Jesus Christ in a Stable at Bethlehem

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

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

Scripture Reading

Luke Chapter 2 verses 1 to 20

Midnight and Dawn Mass of Christmas Day

Reflection.

By a fluke of chance our twenty fifth station’s scripture come from the twenty fifth of a month.

Joseph and Mary are law-abiding citizens in both spiritual and temporal matters. They make a long journey (imagine walking from Preston to Carlisle) and end up in a stable where Mary gives birth. we don’t know who was with them. We don’t know if anybody was particularly interested apart from the census people. There was no social media to announce the birth.

There was an angel who made it known to shepherds and then a host of angels sang praising God. The shepherds went and saw for themselves and related what they had been told.

Then they went back to their sheep. Mary treasured all that she had been told and pondered them in her heart.

What an example we have in Mary. We, too, must treasure all that we hear in scripture and ponder it in our heart. We should try and work on what we have heard. Discuss it, pull it apart, see how it works within us or maybe how we work within it. Mary didn’t have instant answers.

Neither did Joseph for that matter. They knew what they had been told but now they were seeing it coming into being. So must we!

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.

