

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

Friday in the Third Week of Lent

**Twenty Fourth Station:** The Birth of John the Baptist

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

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

Scripture Reading

Luke Chapter 1 verses 57 to 66 Daytime Mass of 24<sup>th</sup> June The Birth of John the Baptist.

Reflection.

*‘They shared her joy.’* This is a very telling statement. There usually is great joy when a baby is born. This passage shows a change in attitude to Elizabeth because she is a mother and Zechariah a father. There is, however, more drama to come when it comes to naming the child. When Elizabeth said that he had to be named John they wouldn’t accept it. What does Zechariah want him called? When he writes the name John they were astonished. At that moment Zechariah starts to talk again. He praises God and he has backed his wife, too. It is hard to take in something that is out of the norm. We can find it hard to understand or accept but we have to be open to the out of the ordinary, especially when it comes to our Faith. Sometimes we have a dream and it is shattered. It is not the end or a disaster because it opens up the way for something that is even better.

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.