

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

Monday in Week 3 of Lent

Twenty First Station: Zechariah cannot accept that he and Elizabeth are going to have a son.

“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 5 to 25

Weekdays of Advent 19th December

Reflection

Abram and Sara, Hannah, Samson’s mother, and Zechariah and Elizabeth all have something in common. They wanted children and through God’s grace they all had boys who would great work in God’s name. In today’s offering there has to be a degree of sympathy for Zechariah’s reaction but maybe we don’t hear the inflection in his voice. Gabriel has laid out what the boy will turn out to be. A priest of Zechariah’s standing should be able to draw on his knowledge of scripture to understand and accept what is being said. Human nature being as it is takes us down paths we don’t need to go down. For his lack of faith Zechariah loses the power of speech.

Sometimes we are taken by surprise at what God asks of us. We see the problems that might arise and not the outcome. We also look at ourselves and think ‘Why me?’ It is easy to say and harder to do but we should be saying ‘Why not me?’ God sees something in us that we don’t. That is not a failing. It is usually a feeling of unworthiness that is the trump card. The fact that God acknowledges our unworthiness and still asks is the ace of trumps. It cannot be bettered.

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.