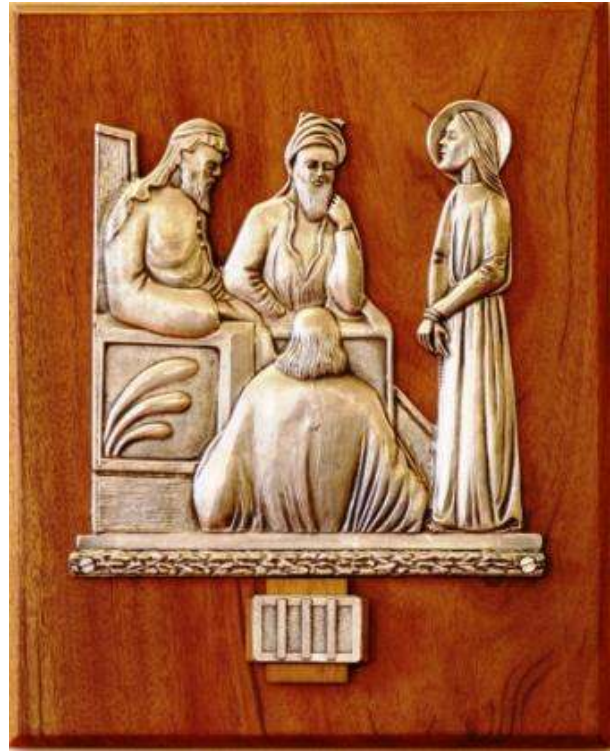


THE THIRD STATION

AT THE HIGH PRIEST'S PALACE

Jesus stood alone and abandoned, surrounded by his captors, who sought to accuse him of some crime. Caiaphas, the high priest, was quietly pleased that at last he had this troublesome man in his power, although wary too because he did not know what he might be dealing with. Meanwhile, outside, Peter denied his Lord three times, as the cock crowed.



We might dwell on times we have been challenged and frightened. We know we should speak up for Christian truths and values, yet how often do we shrink from our duty and deny Our Lord?

Let us pray that our faith may be strong and our courage unflinching. Lord, be with us, in times of trial and loneliness, so that we do not deny you - even in little things in our lives. May we be worthy of you and, for your sake, an inspiration to others.