

# The Holy Face Devotion

## Origins of the Chaplet of the Holy Face



Sister Mary of Saint Peter was a Carmelite nun who lived in France until her death in 1848. Our Lord revealed to her the devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, saying: “Those who will contemplate the wounds on My Face here on earth shall contemplate it radiant in heaven.”

There can be no doubt as to the efficacy of the Devotion to the Holy Face, as Pope Leo XIII has settled the matter for all time. Just as devotion to the Sacred Heart was meant to rouse Catholics from their laxity, while also act as a means to prevent France from suffering the French revolution, devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus is meant to make reparation for the sins of modern disbelievers and to combat the militant atheistic Communism which currently threatens to overwhelm the world.

“Think of the outrages inflicted on Me by the Society of Communists, the enemies of the Church and of her Christ!” Our Divine Savior said to Sister Mary of St Peter. “They have laid their hands upon the anointed of the Lord. But their machinations are vain; their designs shall be foiled. I desire the establishment of the work of reparation! For it is the Work of Reparation to the Holy Face that will disarm God’s justice.”

**Jesus revealed to her:** *“The more you contemplate My Holy Face, the more you will receive the gift of grace to transform you. There is no sorrow I do not understand, no suffering I do not bear.”*



Here, then, is the approved prayer given by Our Lord to Sister Mary of St Peter against revolutionary men:

*“ETERNAL Father, I offer Thee the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and all the instruments of His Holy Passion that Thou mayst put division in the camp of Thine enemies, for as Thy beloved Son hath said, “a kingdom divided against itself shall fail.”*

This is the prayer Our Lord gave to Sister Mary of Saint Peter to reproduce the Image of God in our souls:

*“I SALUTE Thee, I adore Thee, and I love Thee, Oh, Adorable Face of my Beloved Jesus, as the Noble Stamp of the Divinity! Completely surrendering my soul to Thee, I most humbly beg Thee, to stamp this seal upon us all, so that the Image of God may once more be reproduced by its imprint in our souls. Amen.”*

Our Lord also dictated the following prayer to Sr Mary of Peter, saying that it would heal the injuries inflicted by the impious. The sin of blasphemy, Our Lord revealed, grievously offends Him. By blasphemy the sinner curses Him to His Face, attacks Him openly, annuls redemption, and pronounces his own condemnation.

# The "Golden Arrow" Prayer



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***MAY the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on earth and under the earth by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar. Amen***

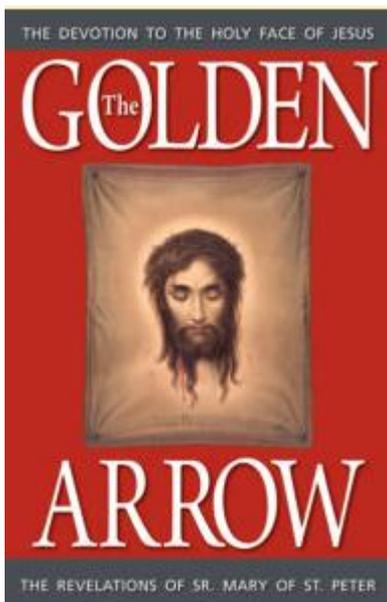
*This prayer was revealed by Our Lord to a Carmelite Nun of Tours in 1843 as a reparation for blasphemy.*

*After receiving this prayer, Sister Mary of St. Peter was given a vision in which she saw the Sacred Heart of Jesus delightfully wounded by this "Golden Arrow", as torrents of graces streamed from It far the conversion of sinners. Imprimatur + T. J. Toolen, Archbishop of*

*The Holy Face of Jesus from the image of Veronica's veil (The veil is kept in St. Peters Basilica, Rome.)*

## Prayers of Reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus

*As requested by Our Lord Jesus Christ. These prayers are to be said on Sundays and the Holy Days of Obligation, publicly (if possible), and preferably before the Blessed Sacrament or before the picture of the Holy Face.*



***DEAR Lord, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, I (we) offer You these prayers in reparation for the sins which offend God the most in these modern times--the sins of BLASPHEMY and the PROFANATION OF SUNDAY and Your Holy Days of Obligation: One Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be To The Father.***

***MAY God arise and let His enemies be scattered and let those who hate Him flee before His Face!***

***May the thrice Holy Name of God overthrow all their plans!***

***May the Holy Name of the Living God split them up by disagreements!***

***May the terrible Name of the God of Eternity stamp out all their godlessness!***

*Lord, I do not desire the death of the sinner, but that he be converted and live. "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."*

*ETERNAL FATHER, I offer You the Holy Face of Jesus, covered with blood, sweat, dust and spittle, in reparation for the crimes of communists, blasphemers, and for the profaners of the Holy Name and of the Holy Day of Sunday. (This ejaculation is also recommended to be recited frequently throughout the day).*

*"Rejoice, My Daughter, because the hour approaches when the most beautiful work under the sun will be born." Our Lord To Sister Mary of St. Peter*

*St. Alphonsus states that "blasphemy proceeds from a bad will, and from a certain hatred conceived against God. Hence the blasphemer renders himself like the damned." St. Alphonsus calls it the "language of Hell." "Thus, we may say," he continues, "to every blasphemer: You are from Hell; you are a true disciple of Lucifer; for you speak the language of the damned." [The Second Commandment by St. Alphonsus Liguori – Padre Peregrino](#)*

*Our Lady told Mother Mariana that God was ready to punish the world for three major sins (Of Our Century): **blasphemy, impurity, and heresy.** ([Prophecies of Our Lady of Good Success 16h century](#)) [Our Lady of Good Success Prophecies About Our Times](#)*

## PROMISES OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

*Of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Favor of All Those Who Honor His Holy Face*

- 1. "They shall receive in themselves, by the impression of my humanity, a bright irradiation of my Divinity, and shall be so illuminated by it in their inmost souls, that, by their likeness to my Face, they shall shine with a brightness surpassing that of many others in eternal life". (St Gertrude, [Insinuations, book I V, Ch VII.](#))*
- 2. St Mechtilde, having asked our Lord that those who celebrate the memory of his sweet Face should never be deprived of his amiable company, he replied: "Not one of them shall be separated from me." (St MECHTILDE, [Of Spiritual Grace. book I, Ch. XIII.](#))*
- 3. Our Lord, said Sister Marie de Saint- Pierre, has promised me that he will imprint bis divine likeness on the souls of those who honour his most holy countenance. » (January 21st 1847.)  
"This adorable Face is, as it were, the seal of the Divinity, which has the virtue of reproducing the likeness of God in the souls that are applied to it." (November 6"1845.)*
- 4. "By my Holy Face you shall work miracles". (Our Lord to Sister Marie de Saint-Pierre, October 27th 1845.)*
- 5. "By my Holy Face you will obtain the conversion of many sinners. Nothing that you ask in making this offering will be refused to you. If you knew how pleasing Ibe sight of my Face is to my Father!" (November 22d 1886.)*

6. *As in a kingdom you can procure all you wish for with a coin marked with the prince's effigy, so in the kingdom of Heaven you will obtain all you desire with the precious coin of my holy Humanity, which is my adorable countenance. » (October 1845.)*

7. *“All those who honour my Holy Face in a spirit of reparation, will by so doing perform the office of the pious Veronica. “(October 1845.)*

8. *“According to the care you take in making reparation to my Face disfigured by blasphemies, so will I take care of yours which has been disfigured by sin. I will reprint therein my image and render it as beautiful as it was on leaving the Baptismal font.? (Our Lord to Sister Morie de Saint-Pierre, Nov 3d 1845.)*

9. *“Our Lord has promised me, said again Sister Saint- Pierre, for all those who defend his cause in this work of reparation, by words, by prayers, or in writings, that he Will defend them before his Father; at their death he will purify their souls by effacing all the blots of sin and will restore to them their primitive Beauty”. (March 1846.)*

## Sister Pierina and Devotion to the Holy Face

Blessed Maria Pierina de Micheli (d. 1945) received numerous visions in which Jesus and the



Blessed Virgin Mary asked her to spread devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, as an act of reparation for the insults Jesus suffered during His Passion—such as being struck, spat upon, and **kissed by Judas**—and for the ongoing dishonour shown to Him in the Blessed Sacrament through neglect, sacrilege, and profanation.

During night adoration on the First Friday of Lent in 1936, Pierina shared in Jesus' sorrow from the agony in Gethsemane and saw His Face covered with blood. Jesus told her that He wished His sorrowful Face to be

honoured, saying that those who contemplate it console Him. On the Tuesday after Passion Sunday, He promised that every contemplation of His Face would pour love into hearts and bring salvation to many souls. In 1937, Jesus further explained that devotion to His Holy Face does not diminish devotion to His Sacred Heart, but rather completes and deepens it, since contemplating His Face leads souls to share His sorrows and practice love and reparation.

In May 1938, while Pierina prayed in the community chapel, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared holding a Scapular made of two flannel pieces joined by a cord. One bore the image of the Holy Face with the words *“Illumina Domine Vultum Tuum Super Nos”* (“May the light of Thy Face, O Lord, shine upon us”), and the other showed a Host with the words *“Mane Nobiscum Domine”* (“Stay with us, O Lord”). Mary described the Scapular as an armour and divine remedy for a world marked by lust and hatred against God and His Church. She promised that those who wear it and, if possible, visit the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday in reparation for offenses against the Holy Face in the Passion and the Eucharist would be strengthened in faith, able to overcome difficulties, and granted a peaceful death under Jesus' loving gaze.

Mother Pierina de Micheli was beatified on 30 May 2010 at the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome, Italy.

## St. Thérèse of Lisieux



**St. Thérèse of Lisieux** (1873–1897), known as the **Little Flower**, had a deep devotion to the **Holy Face of Jesus**.

She viewed the **disfigured Face of Christ** as a profound symbol of **suffering love** and offered her own **sacrifices** in reparation.

St. Thérèse wrote that her "**little way**" of love could bring comfort to Jesus' suffering and honored the Holy Face as an image of His **great love and mercy**.

She often meditated on the **Passion of Christ**, seeing Jesus' disfigured Face as a reflection of His **self-sacrificial love** for humanity.

St. Thérèse, the **Little Flower**, had a deep love for the **Holy Face of Jesus** and considered it a powerful means of **reparation and love**. She expressed her devotion in various letters and prayers.

**St. Thérèse wrote:**

*"I have found my heaven on earth, because Heaven is God's will, and I desire to accomplish it in the most perfect manner. I have found my heaven, and it is the Holy Face of Jesus, with the little way of love and sacrifice, which calls me to His presence."*

## Devotion of Saint Gertrude to Holy Face



The following revelation was one day made to saint Gertrude. Our Lord showed himself to her in the state in which he was when he had been bound and tied to a pillar between two executioners, one of whom lacerated his flesh with thorns, whilst the other lashed him with scourges, both of them struck him on the Face, and it appeared to saint Gertrude in so disfigured a state, that she was penetrated with grief; nor could she retain her tears every time that the thought of the vision recurred to her mind.

It seemed to her as though Jesus Christ turned his Face from one Side to the other, but that each time that he turned it away from one of the executioners, the other struck it more cruelly, and that then turning himself towards her, he said: « Have you not read what is written of

me: *Vidi-mus eum tanquam leprosum (Is., 53)? We have seen him in a state as pitiable as that of a leper.* » Then saint Gertrude answered: « *Alas! Lord, what remedy can now be found which would be capable of softening the sharp sufferings of thy Divine Face? And the Saviour said to her: « If any one meditated upon and considered my sufferings with tenderness and compassion, and charitably prayed for sinners, his heart would be to me as a salutary balm, and it would assuage my sufferings.* »

## Don Dolindo and the Holy Face

### *Image of Jesus According to the Vision of Fr. Don Dolindo*

Il Volto di Gesù Misericordioso  
dipinto su richiesta, prodigiosa,  
di Don Dolindo Ruotolo



## Leo Dupont (The Apostle of the Holy Face)



**Leo Dupont** (1797–1876), known as the "**Apostle of the Holy Face**", was a **French layman** who spread the devotion after hearing of **Sister Marie of St. Peter's** revelations.

**Leo Dupont of Tours**, France, heard of the reported visions of Jesus and Mary by the Carmelite nun Sister Marie of St Peter. He set up a **private chapel** dedicated to the Holy Face and advocated for **prayers of reparation** to console Jesus' suffering Face.

Dupont started to burn a vigil lamp continuously before a picture of the Holy Face of Jesus based on the painted image on the Veil of Veronica. In 1851 Dupont formed the "**Archconfraternity of the Holy Face**" in Tours. He prayed for and promoted the case for a devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus for around 30 years.

## Miracles and Healings

### Miraculous Healings with Oil from the Lamp

Many **extraordinary healings** were reported through the oil from the lamp burning before the image of the Holy Face. Dupont distributed this oil freely, urging people to use it with faith while praying to the Holy Face.

Documented healings included:

- *Restoration of sight to the blind*
- *Healing of incurable or advanced illnesses*
- *Relief from paralysis and chronic suffering*
- *Physical recovery when medical treatment had failed*

These healings occurred not because Dupont claimed any power himself, but through **faith-filled prayer and trust in Christ**, offered in reparation through devotion to His suffering Face.

### Conversions and Spiritual Miracles

Beyond physical cures, many visitors experienced:

- *Sudden conversions after years away from the Church*
- *Renewed faith and repentance*
- *Freedom from despair or spiritual darkness*

## Saints Louis and Zélie Martin and the Holy Face



### The Holy Face lived in family life

The Martin family had a **strong devotion to the Holy Face**, especially through: Their deep reverence for the Passion

Their acceptance of suffering (illness, loss of four children, trials in business and health)

Their practice of faith in ordinary daily life Zélie, in particular, embraced suffering with trust, uniting it interiorly to Christ — a lived expression of reparation through patience and love.

### What the Martins add to the Holy Face devotion

Through the parents of St. Thérèse, we see that the Holy Face devotion is not only for religious or mystics, but for **ordinary Christian life**:

- *Loving God faithfully in work, marriage, and illness*
- *Accepting trials without bitterness*
- *Trusting God when His face seems hidden*

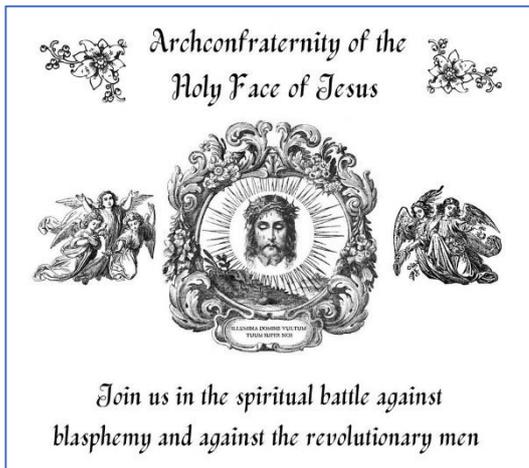
Their lives show that **reparation happens in the home**, not only in the chapel.

## How St. Thérèse completes the message of Sr. Marie & Sr. Pierina

Together, these figures form a unified message:

- **Sr. Marie of St. Peter** → *Reparation for blasphemy and offenses against God*
- **Sr. Pierina** → *Consolation of Jesus by contemplating His Holy Face*
- **St. Thérèse** → *Living reparation through humility, trust, and love in small things*
- **The Martins** → *Making the Holy Face visible in family life and suffering accepted with faith*

### The Archconfraternity of the Holy Face



Face of Jesus in their prayers.

The **Archconfraternity of the Holy Face** is a **spiritual association** established to promote the **devotion** to the **Holy Face** and to encourage **reparation** for the **sins of blasphemy** and indifference toward Christ's suffering.

It was founded in **1849**, under the support of **Pope Pius IX**, and became a way for the faithful to engage in **prayers of reparation**, particularly through the **Golden Arrow prayer** and the **Chaplet of the Holy Face**.

Members of the Archconfraternity pledge to **pray** and **make sacrifices** in reparation for **blasphemies** against God's Name, and they often focus on the **suffering** and **disfigured**

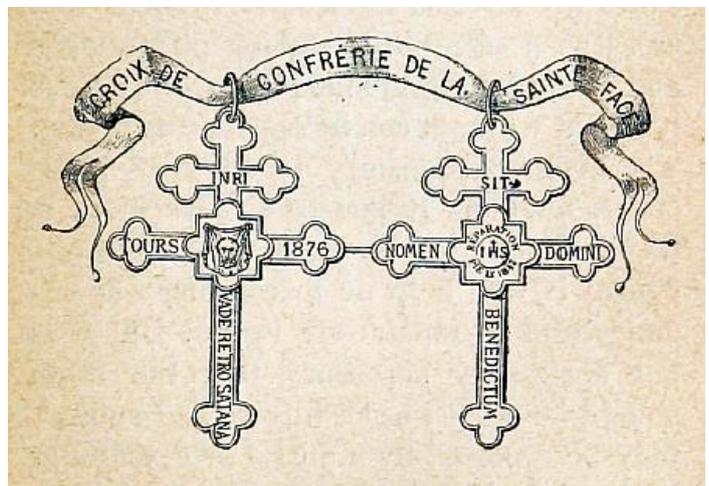
The **Archconfraternity** has spread throughout the world, with its members participating in special **devotional practices** and receiving **spiritual graces** through their commitment to this **devotion**.

### The Holy Face Cross

Taken from the Manual of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face, 1887:

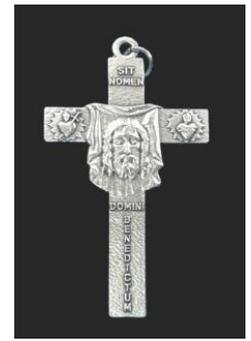
#### **VI. — Cross of the Archconfraternity**

The Archconfraternity, having its centre in the archiepiscopal city of Tours where it had its origin, adopts as a principal sign of decoration for its members a cross with two arms arranged in the manner shown in the engraving given above; on the centre of one of its sides is inscribed the monogram of Christ surrounded with the words: Pius IX. 1847, and upon the arms of the cross: Sit nomen Domini benedictum; on the obverse is seen engraved, on the centre, the Holy Face, above which is

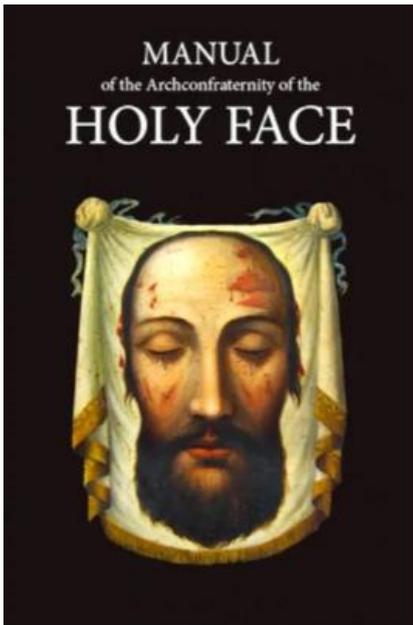


the inscription of the Cross : INRI, and beneath : Vade retro, Satana. The associates are advised habitually to wear this cross as a safeguard; during pilgrimages and at public ceremonies, it is well to have it placed where it can be seen on the breast.

The Archconfraternity is an army; the cross, such as it has been described, is its standard; let us wear it with confidence; it will help us to conquer our enemies and to repair our losses. But it is not absolutely necessary that the cross should be worn; according to the rule, it may be replaced by a medal or a scapular of the Holy Face.



From "The Golden Arrow", pages 134-135



Revelation of February 2, 1844, Feast of the Purification

*Our Lord offers a promise of pardon in view of the efforts made to spread the Reparation. He further designates Saint Michael, Saint Martin and St. Louis, as the special patrons of the Work, and asks that the members wear a cross, and band themselves together as "Defenders of God's Holy Name."*

"Finally, our Lord told me that He desired each member of the Association to wear a special cross, and that on one side of this cross should be engraved with the words, **"Blessed Be the Name of God,"** and on the reverse side should be the words, **"Begone, Satan!"** To all those wearing this holy cross our Lord promised a special resourcefulness to *conquer the demon of blasphemy, adding that every time one hears a curse, he should repeat the two short inscriptions*

*written on each side of the cross, and he will thus overcome the evil one and rendered glory to God."*

[Enroll in the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face of Jesus – His Holy Face Archconfraternity of the Holy Face — League of St. Martin](#)

### Holy Face Medal



In our Blessed Mother's own words, the medal is a weapon for defense, a shield for courage, and a token of love and mercy which her Divine Son wished to give the world in these troubled days of lust and hatred for God and His Church.

Devilish snares have been set to rob the hearts of men of their faith while evil spreads the world over. Genuine apostles are few. A divine remedy to all these evils will be the adorable Face of her Son.

Whoever wears this medal and, if possible, pays a weekly visit to the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday in a spirit of reparation for the outrages received by the Holy Face of our Blessed Saviour during His passion and those bestowed on Him every day in the Sacrament of His Divine Love, will be granted

the gift of a strong faith and the grace to fly to its defence, conquering, if need be, all interior and exterior difficulties. Moreover, they are promised a happy death with special assistance from Christ Himself.

The very first Holy Face medal was offered to our glorious Pontiff, Pope Pius XII.

The whole world then got acquainted with this special object of favors and devotion. It has been found on land and sea, and never has it been heard that a prisoner of war wearing this badge of salvation has been executed.

*We must stress the major importance that the Holy Face medal is replacing the Holy Face scapular and that it must be worn around the neck.*

## Holy Face and Eucharistic Adoration



The **Holy Face devotion** is closely connected to **Eucharistic adoration**, where the **Face of Christ** is honoured in the **Blessed Sacrament**.

**Adoring Jesus' Face in the Eucharist** is seen as a way to **console** His disfigured Face from His Passion and **offer reparation** for the sins of the world. The devotion helps deepen one's relationship with Jesus and brings about

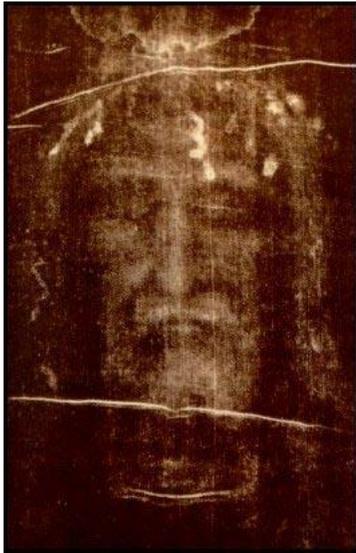
**spiritual transformation.**

*Jesus is very creative because he hides in a little piece of bread, and only God could do something so incredible! (St. Carlo Acutis)*

*And the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man is wont to speak to his friend. And when he returned into the camp, his servant Josue, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not from the tabernacle. (Exodus 33:11 DRB)*

**12 Promises of Jesus to all souls who visit Him frequently in the Sacrament of Love**  
According to Catalina Rivas of Cochabamba, Bolivia [Jesus and His Promises of Eucharistic Adoration](#)

## Relics & Connection to the Vatican



The **Veil of Veronica** is a central relic associated with the **Holy Face devotion**. It is said to bear the miraculous **imprint of Christ's Face** after St. Veronica wiped His face during His Passion. This veil is venerated in various **Catholic shrines** and is considered a **symbol of Christ's suffering**.

The **Shroud of Turin**, with its **image of Jesus' crucified body and Face**, is also associated with the Holy Face devotion. Many believe the **Holy Face** and the **Shroud** represent two aspects of Christ's **redemptive suffering**.

The Vatican has **preserved and venerated these relics**, particularly during **Holy Week** services, where the faithful are invited to honor Christ's **Holy Face** and offer reparation.

### **When to Pray the Chaplet of the Holy Face**

**Tuesday:** As part of the **special reparation on Tuesday**, the chaplet is especially recommended for **reparation for blasphemy** and offenses against the Holy Name of God.

**Any time of need:** This chaplet can be prayed **whenever** someone wants to make reparation for the sins of the world, console Jesus, or ask for protection from harm.

**Lenten Season:** Many people find this devotion particularly powerful during **Lent**, as it unites the faithful with the **sufferings of Christ**.

### Seeking the Face of God

*My heart hath said to thee: My face hath sought thee: thy face, O Lord, will I still seek. Turn not away thy face from me; decline not in thy wrath from thy servant. Be thou my helper, forsake me not; do not thou despise me, O God my Saviour. (Psalms 27:8-9 DRB)*

*Seek ye the lord, and be strengthened: seek his face evermore. (Psalms 105:4 DRB)*

*This is the generation of them that seek him, of them that seek the face of the God of Jacob.*

*(Psalms 24:6 DRB)*

### The Face of God as Blessing and Light

*The Lord shew his face to thee, and have mercy on thee. The Lord turn his countenance to thee, and give thee peace. (Numbers 6:25-26 DRB)*

*Unto the end, in hymns, a psalm of a canticle for David. (67:2) May God have mercy on us, and bless us: may he cause the light of his countenance to shine upon us, and may he have mercy on us.*

*(Psalms 67:1 DRB)*

*Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; save me in thy mercy. (Psalms 31:16 DRB)*



## When God Hides His Face

*Unto the end, a psalm for David. How long, O Lord, wilt thou forget me unto the end? how long dost thou turn away thy face from me? (Psalms 13:1 DRB)*

*Lord, why castest thou off my prayer: why turnest thou away thy face from me? (Psalms 88:14 DRB)*

*And my wrath shall be kindled against them in that day: and I will forsake them, and will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured: all evils and afflictions shall find them, so that they shall say in that day: In truth it is because God is not with me, that these evils have found me. (Deuteronomy 31:17 DRB)*



## The Face of the Lord Against Sin

*But the countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil things: to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. (Psalms 34:16 DRB)*

*The face of the Lord hath divided them, he will no more regard them: they respected not the persons of the priests, neither had they pity on the ancient. (Lamentations 4:16 DRB)*



## The Face of Christ (Fulfillment)

*For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Christ Jesus. (2 Corinthians 4:6 DRB)*



## Quotes by Saints and Church Fathers

### **St. Augustine (Church Father)**

- **St. Augustine wrote:** *“Christ was the true image of God, and in the Passion, He revealed the depth of God's love for us. His face was disfigured by the blows of sin, but in that disfigurement, He revealed the fullness of grace.”*

### **St. John Vianney (Cure d'Ars)**

- **St. John Vianney said:** *“The face of Christ speaks to us of His love. The Holy Face is the greatest treasure we have; it is the Face of God, a Face that loves, a Face that suffered, and a Face that saves. We must adore and console it.”*

### **St. Teresa of Avila**

- **St. Teresa of Avila wrote:** *“When I look at the Face of Jesus, I see His love for me. His Face, disfigured by sorrow and pain, is a reminder that His love knows no bounds. In looking at this Face, I feel His love drawing me to Him in a way that words cannot express.”*

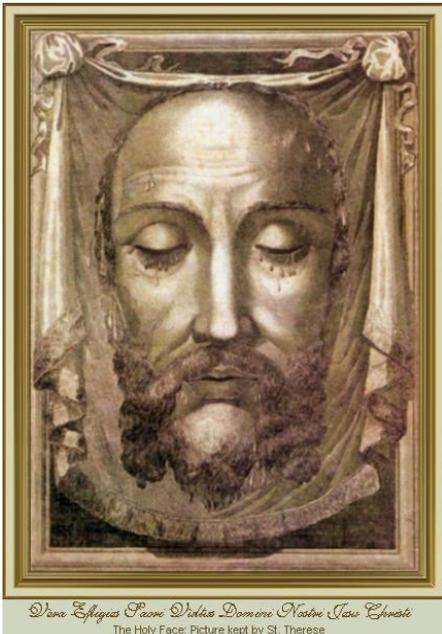
### **Maria Valtorta (Mystic)**

- **Maria Valtorta wrote:** *“I see the disfigured Face of Jesus on the Cross. His Face, marred by the brutality of the scourging, is a Face of love. It speaks of the depths of His passion. In this*

*Face, I see not just His suffering but His mercy. The disfigurement is His gift to us—His mercy, His love, and His desire to save us.”*

## 7. St. Faustina Kowalska (Divine Mercy)

- **St. Faustina wrote:** *“When I look at the Face of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, I see His mercy. His Face, the Face of the One who suffered for me, calls me to console Him. I see in His Face the **face of God** — the Face that gave itself for my salvation.”*



### The Veil's Arrival in Rome

It is believed that the **Veil of Veronica** was brought to **Rome** during the reign of **Pope St. Clement I** (late 1st century, early 2nd century), possibly around the **3rd or 4th century**, although exact documentation is lacking. Over the centuries, it came to be preserved and displayed at various churches in Rome.

### Modern Day and the Relic's Preservation

Today, the **Veil of Veronica** is preserved in the **Vatican** and is housed in a **special chapel** within **St. Peter's Basilica**, although access to it is **restricted**. It is traditionally shown to the public only on certain liturgical occasions, such as **Good Friday** and other major events associated with the **Passion of Christ**.