

Seek His Holy Face

*If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and **Seek My Face** and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

2 Chronicles 7:14

Do you ever wonder what Jesus actually looked like?

Do you think of Jim Caviezel from *The Passion of Christ* or Jonathan Roumie from *The Chosen*? You are not alone – devote Christians have contemplated the face of Jesus since His death thousands of years ago including St. Therese of the Child Jesus and The Holy Face (Lisieux), Padre Pio, St. Faustina, St. Gertrude, St. Augustine, and many, many popes including Pope Leo XIII.



Unveiling the His Face Through Miraculous Images From Heaven

Thankfully, Jesus has revealed several clues about his facial features through miraculous images like the Veil of Veronica, the Shroud of Turin and through approved apparitions to St Faustina resulting in the Divine Mercy image. Astoundingly these three images when overlaid show remarkable similarities adding to their veracity. What great heavenly gifts these are from Jesus Himself – imploring us to “Seek His Face.”

The Miraculous Image of Veronica’s Veil:



According to Christian tradition, during the Passion of Christ, in a profound act of love, compassion and pity, a woman named Veronica courageously broke through the angry crowd and wiped the blood, sweat and spittle from the Face of Jesus with her veil leaving the imprint of His tortured, holy face on the cloth. This miraculous cloth is stored at the Vatican. **St. Veronica’s feast day is on July 12**, in Latin her name means “**true image.**”

In 1849 when Rome was being attacked, the Pope displayed her veil and asked for Veronica’s intercession. **On the last day, the veil came to life for three hours and the city was saved.** They immediately called in artists to draw the miracle as it was happening. These artists rendering of the image were printed on fine linen and touched to the veil, the lance of Longinus and a relic of the true cross and distributed globally! One man who received one of these

Relic images was Venerable Leo DuPont, “The Holy Man of Tours.” He framed his relic, kept a candle burning, and had holy oil for visitors seeking healings to venerate. His relentless prayers and unwavering devotion to the Holy Face resulted in more than 6,000 “Vatican Approved” miraculous healings.



The Shroud of Turin

At the moment of Jesus' resurrection from the dead in the tomb, the shroud that was wrapped around him was miraculously imprinted with a detailed negative image of his holy body. The Shroud has been meticulously examined, documented and authenticated to be confirmed as the burial cloth of Jesus revealing a heavenly portrait of our crucified Lord. Through this we can actually see the face of Christ.

In 1843, Jesus asks for a devotion to His Holy Face

While many have personally contemplated the face of Jesus, it wasn't until Jesus Himself appeared to a Carmelite nun, Sr. Marie of St. Peter (1816 -1848), in Tours, France in 1843 and specifically asked her to start a devotion to contemplate His wounded, Holy Face. In Fr. Larry Carney's book, "**The Secret of the Holy Face; The Devotion Destined to Save Society,**" he elaborates on these appearances of Jesus and Our Lady to Venerable Sr. Marie of Saint-Peter from France, a contemporary of Leo DuPont and shares their important messages.



Jesus implored her to start a devotion to venerate His wounded, Holy Face specifically in reparation for sins against the first three commandments:

1. I am the Lord Your God, you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.

These sins against the first three commandments continue to wound him even today. Jesus said, "**The executioners crucified Me on Friday, Christians crucify me on Sunday.**"

Sr. Marie of Saint-Peter said the Savior made me understand He was greatly irritated against mankind for our sins, but particularly for those that directly outrage the Majesty of God, that is, **Communism, Atheism, and cursing.** These Vatican approved apparitions lasted five years and Jesus begged for faithful souls to imitate Veronica saying:

"Look at the torrents of tears that stream from My eyes! Can I find no one to wipe away these tears by making reparation to My Father, and imploring forgiveness for the guilty?"

"I seek Veronicas to wipe and honor My Divine Face which has few adorers."

Guided by Jesus, she outlined a way for people to join her in reparation to the Holy Face and said, "Our Lord showed me this **Association as an army of brave soldiers, uniting themselves to Him as to their Commander-in-Chief, to defend the glory of His Father.**" Jesus has issued an urgent call to all of us to gaze at His Holy Face with a promise He is gazing back at you! What an exciting time to be alive!

Sr. Marie of St. Peter wrote a book which promotes this devotion called, "The Golden Arrow" because the Lord dictated a prayer of this same name which would act as a means of devotion and reparation:

"May the Most Holy, Most Sacred, Most Adorable, Most Mysterious and Unutterable Name of God be praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified, in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all God's creatures, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen."

In 1885, Vatican Approval of the Devotion

In 1883, The Vatican approved the Devotion to the Holy Face *for France*, and two short years later, in 1885 Pope Leo XIII, recognizing the need for this Devotion, approved the establishment of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face enabling the Devotion to spread from Tours, France to the rest of the world. **St. Therese of Lisieux** and her family were so profoundly affected by this devotion that they joined the confraternity as a family.

In 1926, Jesus appears again asking for a Medal of His Holy Face and certain prayers

In 1926, Jesus and Our Lady began appearing to another woman, Blessed Maria Pierina de Michelis, holding a scapular made of two small pieces of flannel joined by a cord. One of these pieces bore the image of the Holy Face of Jesus with the words, "May the light of thy Face shine upon us" (Numbers 6:25) and the other, a Host surrounded by rays and the words — "Stay with us Lord" (Luke 24:29). In this way, a Eucharistic dimension was added to the devotion to His Holy Face.



Miraculously, Sr. Pierina was able to make a Holy Face Medal to be mass produced and passed out with the image based on the Shroud of Turin. Our Lady's said, "This medal is a weapon for defense, a shield for courage, a token for love & mercy and which her Divine Son wished to give the world in these troubled days of lust and hatred for God and for 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, Jesus". Then Jesus said, **"Each time my Face is contemplated I will pour out my love into hearts and through my Holy Face the salvation of many souls will be obtained."**



"By My Holy Face you will obtain the conversion of numberless sinners. Nothing that you ask in making this offering will be refused you. According to the care you take in making reparation to My Face, disfigured by blasphemers, I will take care of your soul, which has been disfigured by sin. I will reprint on it My Image and render it as beautiful as it was on leaving the Baptismal Font. I promise personal and spiritual protection to all who venerate this medal."

Padre Pio also had a devotion to His Holy Face, passing out countless medals saying, **“This medal is your entrance ticket to Heaven.”**

In 1939, Jesus also told Sr Pierina,

“I wish that my Holy Face be honored in a particular manner on Tuesdays. I wish that it be venerated by a special feast on Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. I wish that the feast be preceded by a novena in which the faithful will make reparation with me, joining with me and sharing my sorrow.”

His Holy Face Devotion is more than just another set of prayers, it's a plea from Heaven for us to imitate Veronica by having compassion and pity on our hurting world. The powerful prayers associated with this devotion, though simple, are for the conversion of sinners, those who have left the Church and those who may never know the gift of salvation and for the reparation for all the continued insults and profanities toward Our Lord. Jesus has issued an urgent call to all of us to gaze at His Holy Face with a promise He is gazing back at you!

The Holy Face serves as a mirror reflecting both the agony of the Cross and the glory of the Resurrection. It reminds us of the profound truth that through Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection, humanity finds hope, forgiveness, and eternal life. This devotion is a heaven-sent remedy for the ills of our time! Jesus said the devotion is both, “A Weapon and a Shield!”

Next Steps to Learn More about the Holy Face Devotion

Jerry Tiarsmith, a local supporter suggests that the first thing to do is download ‘His Holy Face, Inc.’ App and search a few websites (<https://holysfacedevotion.org/>, <https://theholysface.com>, and <https://www.carmelite monastery.org/holy-face-of-jesus.php>). **The Golden Arrow** Book by Sr. Marie of St. Peter is also a great place to start. Interested people can also enroll for free in the global Archconfraternity at this site. <https://www.martinians.org/archconfraternity-1>. Saying the Golden Arrow daily prayer along with an Our Father, a Hail Mary and A Glory be is also a great way to dive in.

AM1160 [The Quest Atlanta](#) featured the Holy Face Devotion on a podcast episode of the Family Room on Feb. 28, 2024. The show interviewed the great, great niece of Sr. Marie of St. Peter, Mary Jane Zuzulo about her new book, [“Unveiling the Sixth Station of the Cross: Reparation to the Holy Face, Mother of All Devotions”](#). You can hear that interview on The Quest website or APP under local programs. They also have the Golden Arrow prayer available on their app and on air.

Keri Allen has offered that she will send anyone who would like (2) Holy Face Medals and (2) Holy Face Prayer Cards if they reach out to her at Info@ProclaimMyWord.org. One is to keep and one to give away!

Will You Help Spread the Devotion?

Our Lord told Sr. Mary of St. Peter of His desire to establish a Confraternity of Reparation.

"It is the express will of God that this Devotion be established in every diocese."

Keri and Jerry have started a monthly gathering to launch a Holy Face Devotion, so if interested, please contact Keri by [email](#) or join them on the first Saturday of each month at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Dawsonville, Ga. After the 9am mass in the basement of the church.

Keri Allen said, "What a great time to be alive. Just think that God has chosen each one of us to be here in this most significant time in history, maybe the most significant time since Pentecost. We have been chosen because He has given each of us a purpose - a purpose to help change the direction the world is going in and a great opportunity to help save souls who otherwise may be lost forever, including our own loved ones who have strayed from their faith to follow the world. This devotion to His Holy Face is a simple and effective opportunity with so many wonderful promises from Our Lord for those who pray these prayers in private and with others." As we journey through life's joys and sorrows, may we turn to the Holy Face of Jesus with trust and devotion, allowing his divine countenance to illumine our path and guide us towards the fullness of redemption and eternal life.

The Promises and Revelations from Jesus of Devotion to the Holy Face

Jesus told Sr. Marie of St. Peter, "Write down these promises for they will make a greater impression on souls than all that you have already said regarding this Work, because these promises which speak of eternal rewards will greatly stimulate the interest of the faithful."

1. By offering My Face to My Eternal Father, nothing will be refused, and the conversion of many sinners will be obtained.
2. By My Holy Face, they will work wonders, appease the anger of God and draw down mercy on sinners.
3. All those who honor My Face in a spirit of reparation will by so doing perform the office of the pious Veronica.
4. According to the care they take in making reparation to My Face disfigured by blasphemers, so will I take care of their souls which have been disfigured by sin. My Face is the Seal of the Divinity, which has the virtue of reproducing in souls the image of God.
5. Those who by words, prayers or writings defend My cause in the Work of Reparation, especially My priests, I will defend before My Father, and will give them My Kingdom.
6. As in a kingdom they can procure all that is desired with a coin stamped with the King's effigy, so in the Kingdom of Heaven they will obtain all they desire with the precious coin of My Holy Face.
7. Those who on earth contemplate the wounds of My Face shall in Heaven behold it radiant with glory.
8. They will receive in their souls a bright and constant irradiation of My Divinity, that by their likeness to My Face they shall shine with particular splendor in Heaven.
9. I will defend them; I will preserve them and I assure them of Final Perseverance.

Litany of the Holy Face:

Dear Lord, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary I (we) offer Thee 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 Thine Holy Days of Obligation. Amen. **Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ...**

Prayer to offer the Holy Face of Jesus to God the Father:

Almighty and Eternal Father, since it has pleased Our Divine Saviour to reveal to mankind in modern times the power residing in His Holy Face, we now avail ourselves of this treasure in our great need.

Litany (abbreviated version):

I salute Thee, I adore Thee and I love Thee, O adorable Face of Jesus, my Beloved, noble Seal of the Divinity! outraged anew by blasphemers. I offer Thee, through the heart of Thy blessed Mother, the worship of all the Angels and Saints, most humbly beseeching Thee to repair and renew in me and in all men Thine Image disfigured by sin.

O Adorable Face which was adored, with profound respect, by Mary and Joseph when they saw Thee for the first time, (*)
have mercy on us)

O Adorable Face which ravished with joy, in the stable of Bethlehem, the Angels, the shepherds and the Magi, (*)

O Adorable Face which transpierced with a dart of love in the Temple, the saintly old man Simeon and the prophetess Anna, (*)

O Adorable Face which filled with admiration the Doctors of the Law when Thou appeared in the Temple at the age of twelve years, (*)

O Adorable Face which possesses beauty always ancient and always new, (*)

O Adorable Face which is the masterpiece of the Holy Ghost, in which the Eternal Father is well pleased, (*)

O Adorable Face which is the ineffable mirror of the Divine Perfections, (*)

O Adorable Face of Jesus which was so mercifully bowed down on the Cross, on the day of Thy Passion, for the salvation of the world! Once more today in pity bend down towards us poor sinners. Cast upon us a glance of compassion and give us Thy peace.

O Adorable Face which became brilliant like the sun and radiant with glory, on the Mountain of Tabor, (*)

O Adorable Face which wept and was troubled at the tomb of Lazarus, (*)

O Adorable Face which was rendered sad at the sight of Jerusalem, and shed tears on that ungrateful city, (*)

O Adorable Face which was bowed down to the ground in the Garden of Olives, and covered with confusion for our sins, *

O Adorable Face which was covered with the sweat of blood, (*)

O Adorable Face which was struck by a vile servant, covered with a veil of shame, and profaned by the sacrilegious hands of Thine enemies, (*)

O Adorable Face which by Its divine glance, wounded the heart of St. Peter with a dart of sorrow and love, (*)

Be merciful to us, O my God! Do not reject our prayers, when in the midst of our afflictions, we call upon Thy Holy Name and seek with love and confidence Thine adorable Face.

O Adorable Face which was washed and anointed by Mary and the holy women and covered with a shroud, (*)

O Adorable Face which was all resplendent with glory and beauty on the day of the Resurrection, (*)

O Adorable Face which is hidden in the Eucharist, (*)

O Adorable Face which will appear at the end of time in the clouds with great power and great majesty, (*)

O Adorable Face which will make sinners tremble, (*)

O Adorable Face which will fill the just with joy for all eternity, (*)

O Adorable Face which merits all our reverence, our homage and our adoration, (*)

O Lord, show us Thy Face, and we shall be saved! (3x)

Canticle to The Holy Face of Jesus:

Dear Jesus! 'tis Thy Holy Face Is here the start that guides my way;
Thy countenance, so full of grace, Is heaven on earth, for me, to-day.
And love finds holy charms for me In Thy sweet eyes with tear-drops wet;
Through mine own tears I smile at Thee, And in Thy griefs my pains forget.
How gladly would I live unknown, Thus to console Thy aching heart.
Thy veiled beauty, it is shown To those who live from earth apart.
I long to fly to Thee alone! Thy Face is now my fatherland, —
The radiant sunshine of my days, — My realm of love, my sunlit land,
Where, all life long, I sing Thy praise; It is the lily of the vale,
Whose mystic perfume, freely given, Brings comfort, when I faint and fail,
And makes me taste the peace of heaven. Thy Face, in its unearthly grace,
Is like the divinest myrrh to me, That on my heart I gladly place;
It is my lyre of melody; My rest — my comfort — is Thy Face.
My only wealth, Lord! is Thy Face; I ask naught else than this from Thee;
Hid in the secret of that Face, The more I shall resemble Thee!
Oh, leave on me some impress faint Of Thy sweet, humble, patient Face,
And soon I shall become a saint, And draw men to Thy saving grace.
So, in the secret of Thy Face, Oh! hide me, hide me, Jesus blest!
There let me find its hidden grace, Its holy fires, and, in heaven's rest,
Its rapturous kiss, in Thy embrace!

St. Therese of Lisieux, August 12, 1895.

Prayers of Ven. Leo Dupont

O adorable Face of my Jesus, so mercifully bowed upon the tree of the Cross on the day of Thy Passion, for the salvation of men, now again, incline in Thy pity toward us poor sinners; cast upon us a look of compassion, and receive us to the kiss of peace. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, in presenting ourselves before Thy Adorable Face, to beg of Thee the graces we most need, we beseech Thee, to give us above all things the disposition of never refusing at any time to do what Thou requirest of us by Thy commandments and divine inspirations. Amen.