

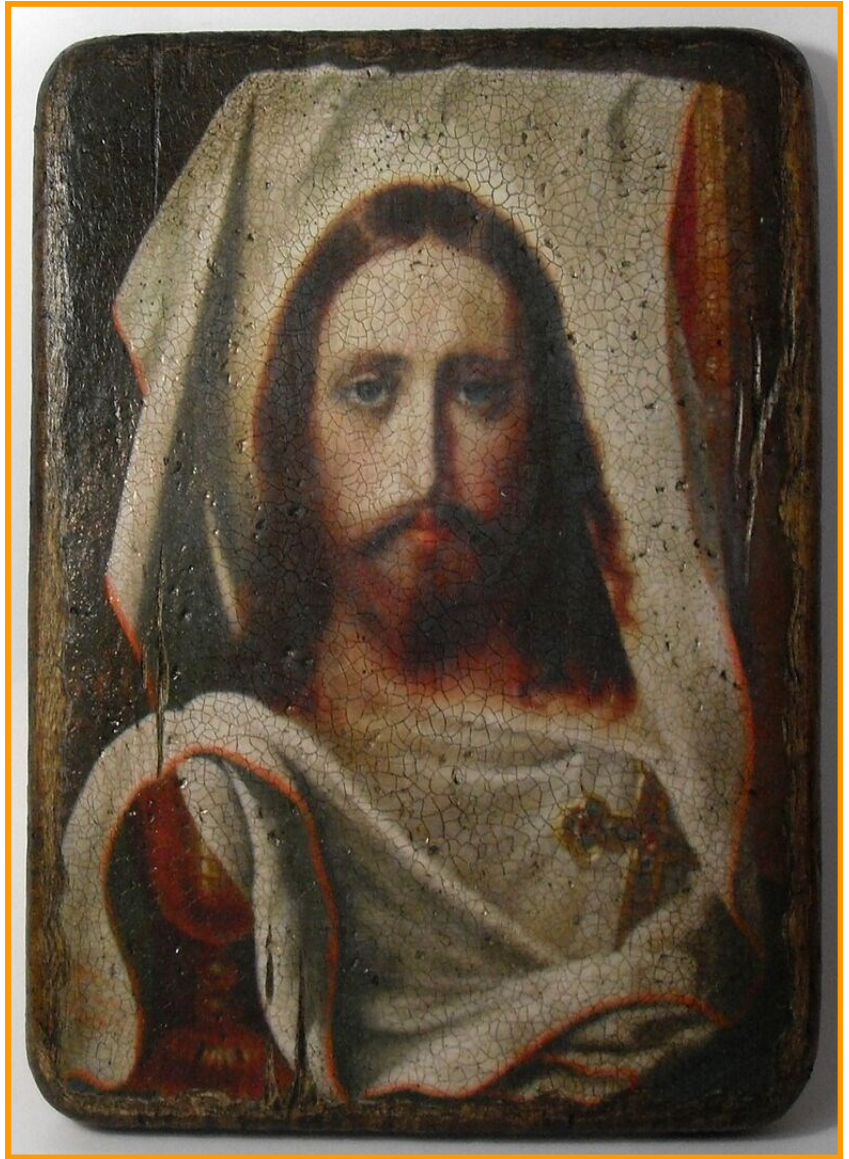
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A foretaste of Heaven

Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus is an ancient and venerable Catholic practice rooted in the representation of the face of Christ said to have been left on the towel or veil used by a holy woman, Veronica. In response to the visions given to Sr. Mary of St. Peter, Carmelite, an Archconfraternity of the Holy Face was established in Tours, France, 1884; its members make reparation for idolatry, the profanation of Sundays and blasphemies hurled at Christ. Since St. Therese's devotion to the Holy Face has become known, this devotion has spread throughout the globe.



In a homily delivered on All Saints day, Fr Pius Mary Noonan [OSB Tasmania] reinforced the demands of Our Lord **to make reparation for the sins of idolatry** through devotion to His Holy Face. “ *In the Gospel Our Blessed Lord laid out His program for the Kingdom of God, called the Beatitudes. the 6th Beatitude says: **‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.’** “ We read in the life of St Bernadette that, when asked by someone if the vision of Our Lady was beautiful, she replied that she was so beautiful that you would gladly die in order to see her again.*

Such gives us a faint idea of what it is like to see God. That is what Heaven is about. St John tells us in his first epistle: ***Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when He is revealed, we will be like Him, for***

we will see Him as He is. And all who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure (1 Jn 3:2-3). St Paul, for his part tells us: For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known (1 Cor 13:12).

Such is the awesome destiny to which we are called. Heaven.

Our eternal home, the true land in which we are destined to remain forever, where we will see God. **Did you know that Pope Benedict XII defined as a dogma of faith that the souls of the saints actually see God?** That this vision is: *“intuitive, face to face, without the mediation of any creature... the divine essence is seen immediately, openly, clearly... the elect enjoy this vision of the divine essence, and they are truly blessed and have eternal life and rest” (Bull Benedictus Deus).* Theological terminology here seeks to exhaust the resources of human language, but it can go no further. The infused virtue of faith alone can lead to a deeper understanding of what those words mean, **but in this life, there will always be a veil. Only after death will the veil be lifted, and our beloved God will be seen face to face**



The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb by van Eyck depicting heaven.

PRAYER: Oh Jesus, save us. Grant that us poor sinners may amend our lives and while yet seeing through a glass darkly yet by faith, attend to the glory of the Divine Beatitude, with all the angels, saints and our loved ones, finally seeing You Face to Face in heaven. Amen.

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