



# The Holy Face of Jesus

## Newsletter/ Video log



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#### ‘Your Face being Unveiled: Part 2’

**The primary purpose of this devotion is to make reparation for sins against the first three commandments: Denial of God, Blasphemy, and the profanation of Sundays and Holy Days.**

In March 1847, even before the Communist Manifesto went into print, and when the existence of Communism was largely unheard of, Our Lord Jesus made manifest to **Sr. Marie of St. Peter**, not only the dangers of Communism threatening society at large, but also the remedy for it. Under holy obedience she wrote in her autobiography: **“He (Our Lord Jesus) has commanded me to make war on the Communists, telling me they are enemies of the Church and of her Christ.”** (The Golden Arrow – Autobiography of Sr. Mary of St. Peter).



Our Lord gave her further instructions on how to do this: **“I give you wherewith to combat them the weapons of My Passion - My Cross of which they are the foes, and the other instruments of My tortures”**. Thus the prayers and devotion to His Holy Face including the Holy Face Chaplet (**“Arise O Lord and let Thy enemies be scattered, and let those that hate Thee flee before Thy Face” Psalm 68:1**) is a sister devotion to Fatima in obtaining victory over the devil himself.

**Last week**, we looked at the feast of **the Epiphany** and how God’s Face was revealed in Jesus’ birth firstly to the gentiles through the Magi. This week, we examine how on January 6th 1849, another Divine Manifestation occurred on the feast day of the Epiphany, which would result in papal approval for the Holy Face revelations to Sr Marie of St Peter.

That day Pope Pius IX had **the relic of Veronica’s veil** placed for public veneration in Rome. Fr Lawrence Carney in his book: **‘The Secret of the Holy Face,’** states that the Veil is housed in the epistle side pillar of the papal altar along with the Holy Lance of Longinus and the relic of the true Cross since 1606. It is known that Jewish women wore fine linen on their heads and around their necks and as a sign of friendship, would offer their veils to wipe sweat dust or tears from visitors’ faces. Fr Carney says Jesus was consoled at St Veronica’s house along the Way of the Cross when she took her veil off her head to wipe His tortured Face. That house became a site of pilgrimage in the middle ages.



Though not scriptural, the remembrance of this, is enshrined in the 6th station of the Cross not only in the Catholic Church (but also in the Anglican and Lutheran Churches). The Veil of Veronica represents the Face of Jesus in His Passion according to Fr Carney.

Our Lord spoke very fondly of St Veronica to Sr Marie of St Peter in the book 'the Golden Arrow,' a compilation of the revelations to her. He referred to St Veronica's unique charity and courage, hence, she is one of the patrons of the Holy Face. Certainly, given the diabolical levels of hatred to Jesus on the hill of Calvary, her simple public act of love

which could have exposed her to ridicule and even violence, is forever rewarded in public memory in the Veil's association with her. So highly regarded was she that Jesus stated:

***'I seek Veronicas to wipe and venerate my Divine Face which has but few adorers.'***

**Sr Marie of St Peter was herself another worthy Veronica.** Having offered her life as a victim soul that the prayers would be published, she died July 8th 1848 with her last words repairing for blasphemy:

***'May the Name of the Lord be blessed.'***

**Six months later, Rome was under siege** when the revolutionists who wished to depose the temporal power of the Pope, Bl. Pius IX, including those in his government and civil guard, killed his loyal prime minister Rossi who died a martyr's death. The pope was imprisoned in the Vatican. His dramatic escape to Gaeta, a fortress on the Adriatic coast left Rome with an interim revolutionary government. Near Gaeta, with those heads of state, soldiers and cardinals loyal to him, Pius IX prayed at a shrine of the Holy Trinity, kneeling at the altar and publicly offering his life as a sacrifice for the victory of Christ's Church, should



God ask for it. Meanwhile he requested three days of prayer vigils in Rome. His prayers were heard. Veronica's Veil was venerated in St Peter's Basilica in Rome on January 6th 1849 and the Holy Face miracle occurred when the Divine Face of Jesus appeared distinctly, as if living for three hours in His Passion.

Reproductions of the veil were later printed, touched to the original veil, the true Cross and Longinus' Spear, framed with a wax seal and sent abroad for veneration. Venerable Leo Dupont would receive a relic of the Holy Face and his prayers with the sick and their miraculous healings over three decades, would ultimately result in the publication and establishment of the prayers and confraternities worldwide to the Holy Face. The longest serving pope ever, Pius IX stated: ***'This salutary reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus is a Divine Work, destined to save modern society.'***

