

HISTORY: Devotion to the Holy Face was revealed by Jesus to Sr. Marie of St. Peter (1816-1848) a Carmelite nun of Tours in France. The primary purpose of the devotion is to make reparation for sins against the first three commandments: * **Denial of God** (atheism / communism) * **Blasphemy** (this includes reparation for all attacks against religion and against Holy Church) * **Profanation** of Sundays and Holy Days.

The devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, based on the life and writings of Sr. Marie of St. Peter, was eventually approved by Pope Leo XIII in 1885 who established the devotion as an Arch confraternity for the whole world.

“This salutary reparation to the Holy Face is a Divine Work to save modern society” Pope Pius IX

As parishioners of St. Cecilia’s and members of the body of Christ, you are invited to join in this devotion to pray for our priests, church leaders & our country. Come on all (or some)

Tuesdays @ 6pm, help us storm the heavens with prayers!

Have you ever heard of...

THE DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

---It is called the devotion destined to save Society



St Cecilia Parish is to become home to this devotion starting,

**Tuesday June 4th @
6pm**

Have you heard of Sr. Marie of St. Peter, a Carmelite nun?

Sr. Marie of Saint Peter was a Carmelite nun who lived in Tours, France during the 19th century. Born on October 4, 1816, she initially described herself as stubborn and easily roused to anger. However, her life took a transformative turn when she began to seriously work on overcoming her flaws and developed a devotion to the Most Blessed Virgin.

At the age of 10 1/2 years, after making her First Communion, Sr. Mary progressed rapidly in virtue, astonishing those who knew her. She received extraordinary graces in prayer and sensed that Our Lord was calling her to consecrate herself to Him in religion. With the guidance of a wise and holy confessor, she entered the Carmelite Monastery in Tours on November 13.

During her novitiate, Sr. Mary continued to receive extraordinary favors in prayer. Our Lord revealed to her a great project: establishing the Work of Reparation. This devotion aimed not only at reparation for blasphemy but also for the profanation of the Holy Name of the Lord. Our Lord expressed His desire to give her a 'Golden Arrow', which would both wound Him delightfully and heal the wounds inflicted by sinners. He entrusted her with spreading this devotion throughout the world. The Golden

Arrow Prayer, is a powerful invocation that seeks to make reparation for blasphemy and honor the Holy Face of Jesus.

Promises given to Sr. Marie of St Peter for the devotion of reparation:

- 1) All those who honor my face in a spirit of reparation will by doing so perform the office of the pious Veronica. 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.
- 2) Those who by words, prayers or writing defend My cause in this work of reparation I will defend before My Father and will give them My Kingdom.
- 3) By offering My Face to My eternal Father, nothing will be refused, and the conversion of many sinners will be obtained.
- 4) By My Holy Face, they will work wonders, appease the anger of God and draw down mercy on sinners.
- 5) As in a Kingdom they can procure all that is desired with a coin stamped with the Kings effigy, so in the Kingdom of Heaven they will obtain all they desire with the precious coin of my Holy Face.
- 6) Those who on earth contemplate the wounds of My Face shall in Heaven behold it radiant with glory.
- 7) 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.

8) I will defend them; I will preserve them, and I assure them of Final Perseverance

Golden Arrow Prayer

"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 is now one of the **approved Catholic devotions**. Sr. Marie of Saint Peter's life serves as a testament to the transformative power of faith and devotion.

WHY WE SHOULD PRAY TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

- Reparation for Sin
- Imitate His Virtue
- Seek His Mercy
- Healing and Protection
- Discern His Will
- Conversion of Sinners

In essence, as the humanity of Jesus most vividly manifested, praying before the Holy Face allows a personal

encounter with Him, opening avenues
for God's grace, mercy, and miraculous
intervention in lives.