



St. Veronica

July 12

Who was St. Veronica?

Saint Veronica's feast day is celebrated on July 12, commemorating her profound act of kindness towards Jesus Christ during His crucifixion procession. While not mentioned in the Biblical texts, her story has become one of the most endearing legends in the Christian tradition, chiefly known through the Sixth Station of the Cross where "Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus."

The legend recounts that as Jesus bore His cross to Calvary, struggling under its weight and the physical abuse inflicted upon Him, Veronica, moved by compassion, stepped forward from the crowd with a cloth to wipe His face. Christ's image became imprinted on.

Today, the Veil of Veronica is seldom displayed, emerging from its seclusion only briefly on the 5th Sunday of Lent each year. The lack of detailed photography or forensic examination heightens the mystery, with eyewitnesses reporting that the relic's visible details are minimal.

This act of mercy has enshrined Veronica as a figure of compassion and also made her the patron saint of laundry workers and photographers, symbolizing the purifying and reflective qualities of her deed. Her representation often depicts her holding the miraculous cloth, now known as the Veil of Veronica, which bears the face of Christ.

The story of Veronica remains encapsulated in the traditions and lore of the Church. It connects deeply with the Christian ethos of compassion and mercy, celebrated on her feast day and symbolized in the Stations of the Cross. Her narrative is a poignant reminder of the human capacity for empathy and the belief in the tangible remnants of divine encounters.

[St. Veronica CES Website](#)

[St. Clare of Assisi Parish Website](#)



Quotes

"Love is shown more in deeds than in words."

- St. Ignatius of Loyola

"There are no great things, only small things with great love."

- Mother Teresa

"Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a man go to Heaven."

- St. Camillus de Lellis

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Heavenly Father,

On this Feast Day of Saint Veronica, we lift up our students and the entire Catholic community to your loving embrace. May the example of Saint Veronica be a source of comfort, guidance, and inspiration for all.

Grant our students the wisdom to seek knowledge with integrity and compassion, following Saint Veronica's act of mercy towards Jesus Christ. Fill their hearts with the courage to stand up for justice and truth, and the grace to treat one another with kindness and respect, reflecting the empathy and compassion she showed on the way to Calvary.

Guide our Catholic community in fostering a spirit of unity and love. May we reflect your boundless mercy and compassion in our daily lives, serving as a beacon of hope and light to those around us, just as Saint Veronica did through her simple yet profound act of kindness.

Bless our hearts with your peace and fill us with the strength to carry your love into the world. May we grow closer to you in faith and love each day, drawing inspiration from the life and legend of Saint Veronica.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, inspired by the legacy of Saint Veronica.

Amen.

Patron Saint of:

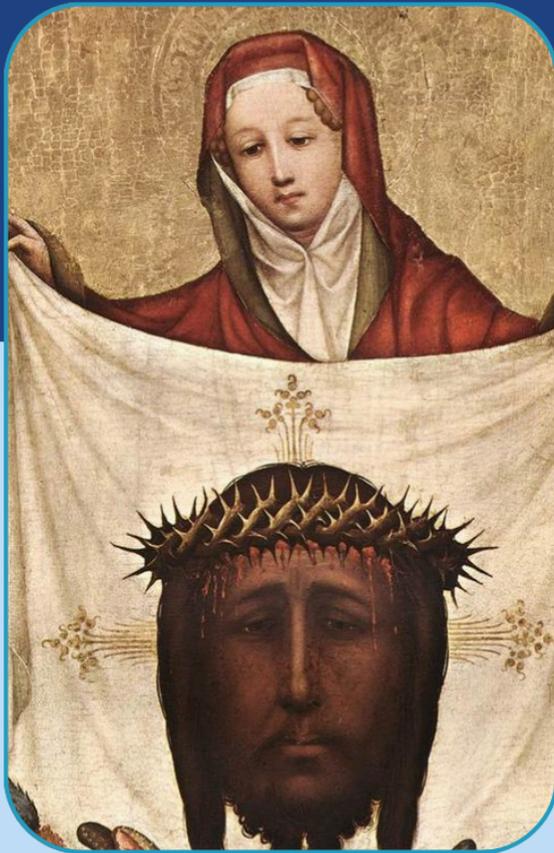
Laundry Workers

Photographers





York Catholic District School Board



FEAST DAY:
July 12

SCHOOL LOCATION:
Woodbridge, ON

"Revelation teaches that God dwells in us through Grace that the soul becomes a temple of the Holy Spirit and in addition, a dwelling place of the entire Trinity."

— St. Veronica

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