

Towel of Veronica

This is to be a ministry of mercy for priests who have lost a loved one. The purpose—to bring consolation in the midst of suffering and to show the priests they are not alone in their sufferings.

OCT-NOV 2025



FOUNDRESS LETTER

“Pray as much as you can for the dying. By your entreaties, obtain for them trust in My mercy, because they have most need of trust, and have it the least.” DIARY 1777

Dear Members of the Towel of Veronica,

October and November are special days of prayer to us as members of the Towel of Veronica Apostolate.

October 5 is the Feast Day for one of our Patron Saints, St. Faustina. Saint Maria Faustina Kowalaska, known as the “Apostle of The Divine Mercy” is remembered among the outstanding mystics of the Church. St. Faustina’s Diary, which Jesus Christ ordered her to keep during the last four years of her life, is a kind of journal in which she recorded her encounters of her soul with God. If you have never read The Diary, I highly recommend the month of October to get a copy and begin. In 1935, the Lord Jesus Himself dictated the Chaplet of Divine Mercy to St. Faustina, as a prayer of atonement and for the appeasement of God’s wrath (Diary 570).

November 2, All Souls Day, will bring us the day to remember and pray for the dead; all the Holy Souls in Purgatory. St. Faustina wrote in The Diary 515-520 of entering the cemetery at dusk before All Souls Day, asking the dear little souls if she could help them. Let this model of a merciful offering be a guide to our prayers this day.

Our annual Mass of Remembrance with Bishop Johnston will be Friday, November 21, 6pm at St. Mary’s. New members will receive their St. Veronica pins. Dinner will follow downstairs in St. Joseph Hall. Invitations are going to all our priests to join us, especially those who have lost a loved one this past year. Kindly, reserve this date and begin to RSVP by November 3.

Let us thank His Excellency, Bishop Johnston, for his presence at our Annual Mass of Remembrance with our own presence at the November 21 Mass of Remembrance. Let us continue to offer our support and extending hand of mercy to all the priests who have lost a loved one this past year as we join together for this annual Mass of Remembrance.

St. Veronica, pray for them
St. Joseph, pray for them
St. Faustina, pray for them

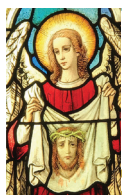
—Lorie



FOR THE SUFFERING SOULS IN PURGATORY

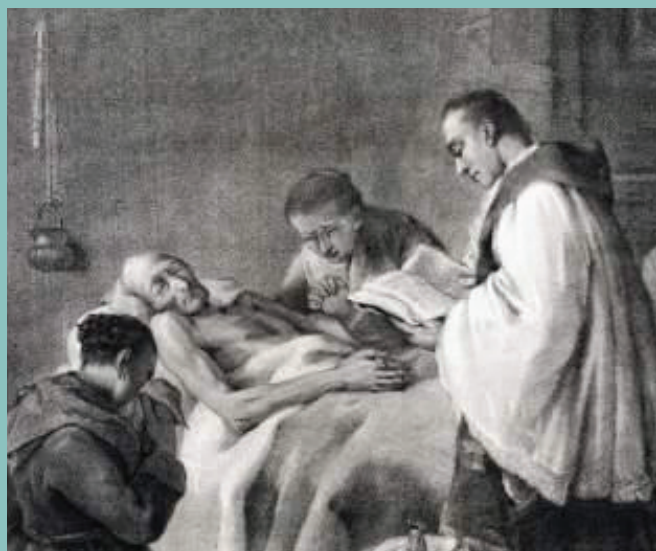
*Merciful Lord,
look with compassion
on the souls who
long to see Your face.
Ease their suffering,
and welcome them
into Your eternal light.*

AMEN



TOWEL OF VERONICA PRAYER Heavenly Father, Bring consolation to your priests. Console them in their sorrow and bring them the gift of constant faith. Knowing that you hear their cries for help they will rely on you. And seeing the hand of God in their neighbor, this offering will reflect the mercy and compassion of You. Pray for our priests!

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PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

*I commend you, my dear (name) to almighty God,
and entrust you to your Creator.*

*May you rest in the arms of the Lord
who formed you from the dust of the earth.
May holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints
welcome you now that you have gone forth
from this life.*

*May Christ who was crucified for you,
bring you freedom and peace.*

*May Christ who died for you
admit you into his garden of paradise.*

*May Christ, the true Shepherd,
embrace you as one of his flock.*

*May he forgive all your sins,
and set you among those he has chosen.
May you see your Redeemer face to face,
and enjoy the vision of God, forever.*

AMEN

WITH APPRECIATION

I received a letter from Fr. Michael Lee (former resident Priest at St. Luke's Byzantine Church in Sugar Creek) and his wife Debbie, whose son passed away June 13 of this year. They have moved to Ohio, where Fr. Michael was in the process of being reassigned, when their son died. Continue to pray for them.

*Thank you for all your love, support, and prayers for our family and our Zechariah. Your generosity has been a tremendous blessing for our family.
In Christ, Fr. Michael and Debbie*

Rosary INTENTIONS

- 1 Priests
- 2 All Souls
- 3 Apostolate
- 4 Towel of Veronica Members
- 5 Bishop James Johnston, Jr. and
Chaplain-Fr. Kendall Ketterlin.
Praying for both.

UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

Memorial St. Faustina

Offer a Chaplet of Divine Mercy
for Holy Souls and Priests

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025

Memorial Mass (All Souls)

Bishop Johnston presiding 6:00 pm
St. Mary, Independence

*His Excellency, Bishop Johnston celebrates his
birthday **October 16** and on **November 4, 2025**
he will celebrate the 10 year anniversary as
Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph.*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER 1ST ANNIVERSARIES for OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

OCTOBER

Fr. Michael Walker

10-14-24

RETIRED PRIESTS OF KC-ST. JOSEPH

NOVEMBER

Marilyn Koch

11-4-2024

MOTHER OF FR. JASON KOCH

Fr. Rene Guesser, O.S.B

11-6-2024

MONK OF CONCEPTION ABBEY

Archbishop James Keleher

11-9-2024

ARCHBISHOP OF KCK

Fr. Dennis Conway

11-26-2024

PRIEST OF DUBUQUE, IOWA