



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. John/Isidore

“As they were looking on, so we too gaze on his wounds as he hangs. We see his blood as he dies. We see the price offered by the redeemer, touch the scars of his resurrection. He bows his head, as if to kiss you. His heart is made bare open, as it were, in love to you. His arms are extended that he may embrace you. His whole body is displayed for your redemption. Ponder how great these things are. Let all this be rightly weighed in your mind: as he was once fixed to the cross in every part of his body for you, so he may now be fixed in every part of your soul” (St. Augustine).

Veronica and the other women in Stations of the Cross



This weekend we turn our focus on the women we learn about in the Station of the Cross. The second station mentions Veronica as the person who managed to go past the soldiers to wipe the face of Jesus because she realized how the Lord needed that relief. At the same time, the eighth station mentions some other sympathetic women who accompanied Jesus. Jesus would address them as well because he noticed how they felt sorry for him.

For years, Catholics have heard through the Stations of the Cross devotion about these women who have offered us an example of how we can also show compassion and sympathy to others. These women still teach us that there are faces of people or places that we should look to notice what is happening around us. Truly, there are faces that are hurting and places that are experiencing anguish and distress. But if we can observe such faces and places, we need to try and be prepared to take notice. And it is this calling that we must all keep responding to.