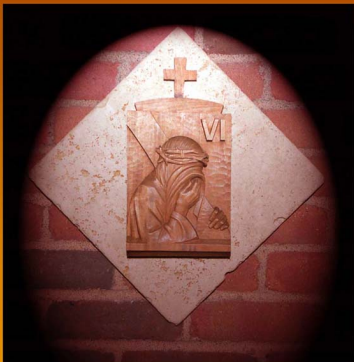


The 6th Station:

Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus



... whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. " Mt 25. 40

Compassion

Tradition tells us of the compassionate Veronica. She cannot bear to stand idly by and watch Jesus suffer such torture alone. Risking the jeers of the crowd and the rough treatment of the soldiers, she moves boldly forward and gently wipes Jesus' holy face.

Jesus, Saving Lord, teach me compassion for you and all your sisters and brothers. Never let me look into the faces of others, whether smiling or troubled, without seeing the beauty and the wonder that you see. I pray for children with sad faces, youth with fearful faces, and all people with pained faces. Awaken in me and in others the compassion and the desire to minister to their needs. Give them comfort, lots of smiles, and strong hope in you. Amen.