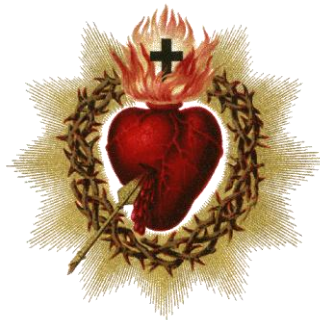


Prayer to the Sacred Heart Of Jesus

O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
living and quickening source of eternal life,
infinite treasure of the Divinity,
and burning furnace of divine love,
You are my refuge and my sanctuary.

O my amiable Savior,
consume my heart with that burning fire
with which Your Heart is ever inflamed;
pour down on my soul those graces
which flow from Your love;
and let my heart be so united with Yours
that our wills may be one,
and that mine may be entirely conformed to Yours.
May Your divine will be equally the standard
and rule of all my desires and of all my actions. Amen.



“Behold this Heart:” Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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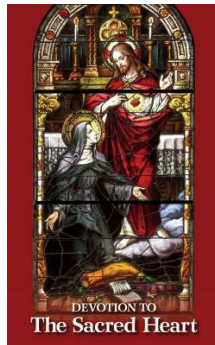
Considerations for our study & Discussion

History & Development

- Where does the devotion of the Sacred Heart originate?
- Why is St. Margaret Mary's mystical experiences fitting for her time and ours to hear?
- How has the devotion developed over the centuries, giving us the devotion we see today?

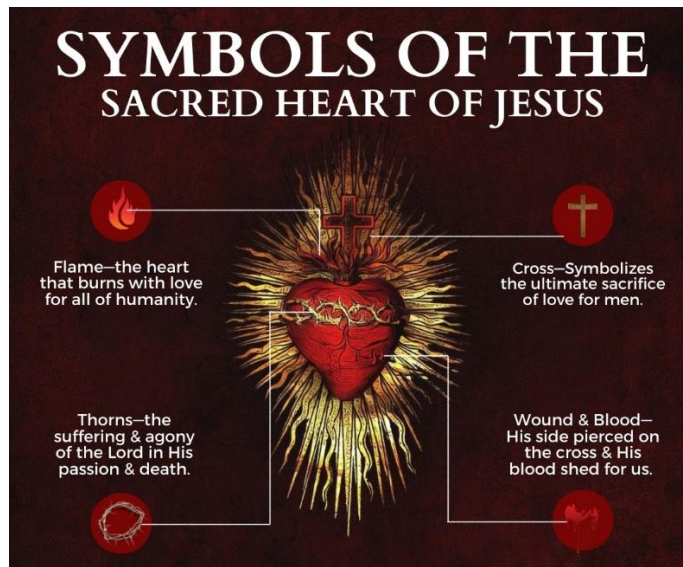
Devotional Elements & Prayer

- What are the core elements of the Sacred Heart devotion?
- What contributions does St. Margaret Mary make to the devotion?
- How does the Church celebrate and venerate the Sacred Heart today liturgically and privately?
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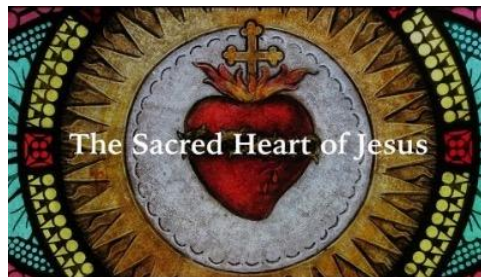


What is the Devotion to the Sacred Heart?

- **Material object: Human Heart of Jesus—True God & True Man**
 - “The Heart of flesh, the living and loving Heart of our Blessed Lord; the Heart that beat in His Divine breast at the moment of the Incarnation...The Heart that loved us during the life of Jesus on earth, that poured forth Its blood to the last drop on Mount Calvary; the beatified Heart now glorious in Heaven and still dwelling among us in the Blessed Sacrament; the Heart ever united to the Person of the Divine Word, to whom is due supreme homage and adoration.”
- **Formal object: Infinite Love of Jesus Christ—The Love of God**
 - “The substance of devotion to the Sacred Heart really consists in calling to mind and in venerating the unbounded charity and excessive love of our Redeemer under the symbol of His Heart.”
- **Purpose: To Reveal the Sacrificial, Enduring Love of Jesus Christ**
 - “Holy Church desires to reveal to the faithful the most holy affections, desires and movements of the Sacred Heart, through which our Saviour honored His Heavenly Father, sanctified the faithful and presented Himself to mankind as the perfect model of eminent sanctity. These emotions of the Heart of Jesus are: a burning zeal for the glory of His Father, a boundless love for all mankind, a most profound humility, an unconquerable patience, a total sacrificing and devoting of self to the will of the Father, a perpetual adoration of God's sovereign Majesty, an unceasing act of thanksgiving, etc.”



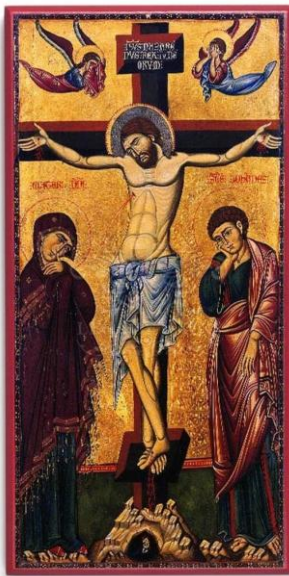
Brief Summary of the devotion



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Video Highlights

- Present in Medieval Europe (1000-1400s A.D.)
- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Visitation nun (1673-1675 A.D.)
- Key elements: 1. First Fridays, 2. Adoration, 3. Liturgical Feast
- Against Jansenism (belief: Jesus died only for some; unable to receive His love and grace)
- Feast of the Sacred Heart: universal celebration on Friday following Corpus Christi 1856 A.D.



The Devotion Prior to St. Margaret Mary

- Piercing of side (Jn 19:33-37)
 - Eve's creation from Adam
 - "You will draw water joyfully from the Spring of salvation" (Is 12:3)
 - Christ's love for Church in Book of Songs
- Reverence for Jesus' wounds and humanity
 - Connection with Eucharistic theology
- Mystical theology of Sts. Mechtild, Gertrude, Catherine of Siena

St. Margaret Mary's Revelations: 1673-1675



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One day, as I knelt before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar... [Jesus] showed me His loving and lovable Heart as the living source of those flames. Then he revealed to me all the unspeakable marvels of His pure love, and the excess of love He had conceived for men from whom He had received nothing but ingratitude and contempt. "This is more grievous to Me," He said, "than all that I endured in my Passion. If they would only give Me some return of love, I should not reckon all that I have done for them, and I would do yet more if possible. But they have only coldness and contempt for all My endeavours to do them good."

"Behold this Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming Itself, in order to testify Its love ... But what I feel most keenly is that it is hearts which are consecrated to Me, that treat Me thus. Therefore, I ask of you that the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi be set apart for a special Feast to honor My Heart, by communicating on that day, and making reparation to It by a solemn act, in order to make amends for the indignities which It has received during the time It has been exposed on the altars. I promise you that My Heart shall expand Itself to shed in abundance the influence of Its Divine Love upon those who shall thus honor It and cause It to be honored."

Given to St. Margaret Mary by Jesus Himself, compiled into 12 Promises

St. Margaret Mary: "I do not know of any other exercise in the spiritual life that is more calculated to raise a soul in a short amount of time to the height of perfection and to make it taste the true sweetness to be found in the service of Jesus Christ."

12 PROMISES OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I will give them all the graces necessary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my heart.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I will be their secure refuge during life, above all, in death.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lukewarm souls shall become fervent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sinners will find in my heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I will bless every place in which an image of my heart is exposed and honored.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I will establish peace in their homes.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I will grant final perseverance to those who receive Holy Communion the first Fridays in nine consecutive months.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.	

Sacred Heart's Key elements for Today

- Receiving the love of Christ's Heart, seeking to return that love in gift of our hearts
- Eucharist: Heart's offering to Father for us–Mass & Adoration as communion
- Consecration & Reparation: done with First Fridays devotion, Enthronement of the Sacred Heart, celebrating Solemnity of the Sacred Heart

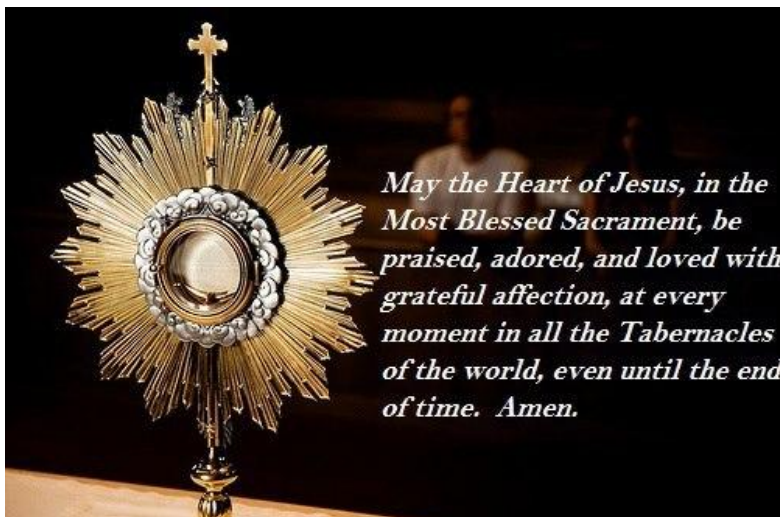


The Divine Mercy of the Sacred Heart

- Jesus' Heart is Divine Mercy, He seeks to reconcile all to Himself
- As we experience Christ's mercy and love, we are invited to share: to be His Heart to others



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May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment in all the Tabernacles of the world, even until the end of time. Amen.

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus

- The Sacred Heart of Jesus is shared with us at Mass, and we offer our hearts with His to the Father
- Experience true communion with Him as He rests in us and transforms us; our hearts rests on His Heart in Adoration



† Morning Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the conversion of sinners everywhere, for the holy souls in purgatory, for the intentions of my relatives and friends and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father.

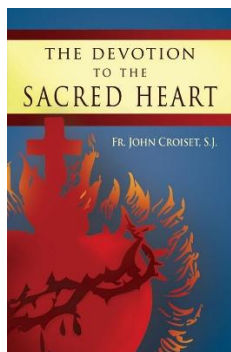
Amen.

Consoling His Heart: Total Consecration

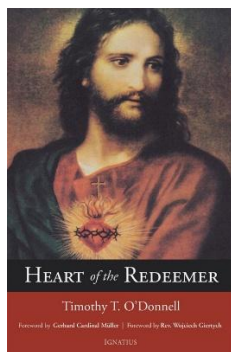
- First Friday: Holy Hour of Adoration (Thursday evening), Receive Communion in reparation for 9 consecutive months
- Enthronement: Enshrine image of Sacred Heart in home and consecration of family
- Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Memorial of the Immaculate Heart, Feast of St. Joseph

READINGS ON THE SACRED HEART

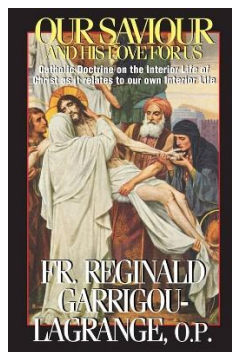
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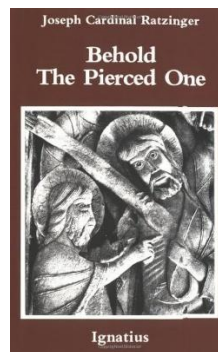
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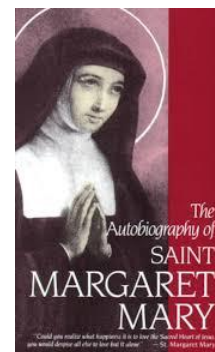
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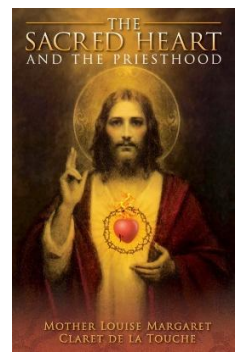
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CARDINAL BURKE ON THE SACRED HEART



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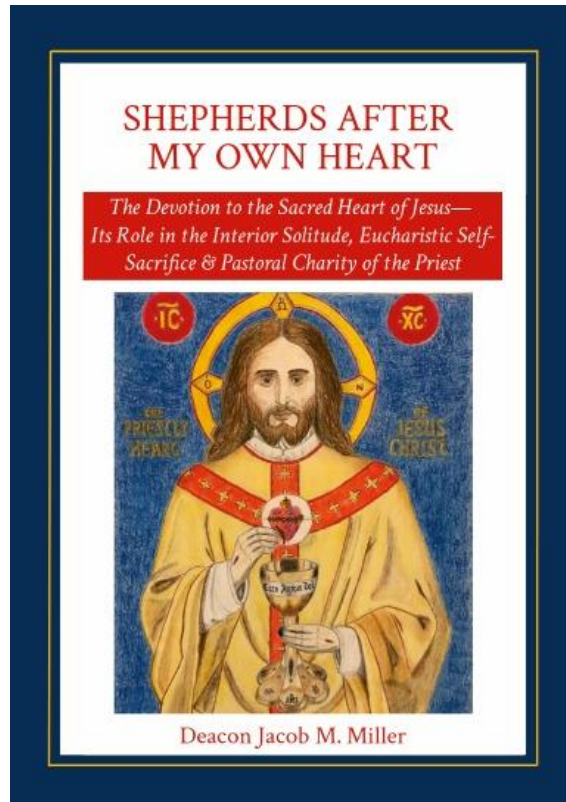
“Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for **I am meek and humble of Heart**; and you will find rest for yourselves. For My yoke is easy, and My burden light.” (Mt 11:28-30)

Jesus, meek and humble of **Heart**,

make our hearts like unto **Thine**.



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