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## The Sacred Heart of Jesus



Sacred Heart Image at Basilica of Sacre Coeur in Paris

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus began to be celebrated in the 17th century, though devotion to the Sacred Heart goes much further back and is evidenced in Sacred Scripture. The propers of the Mass for this feast are full of such references, an example of which is the Introit: *The thoughts of His Heart are from generation to generation: to deliver their souls from death, and feed them in famine.*

*From: Divine Intimacy by Father Gabriel of St Mary Magdalen:*

After we have contemplated the Eucharist, a gift crowning all the gifts of the love of Jesus for men, the Church invites us to give direct consideration to the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the source and cause of all His gifts. We may call the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus the feast of His love for us. (208) ... The object of devotion to the Sacred Heart is, properly speaking, the physical Heart of Jesus which is worthy of adoration, because it is part of His sacred humanity, hypostatically united to the Word. However, the ultimate object



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*Weekly Schedule* \*

	Ordo	Cathedral	St Winefride's	Mass Intention
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup> June External Solemnity of Corpus Christi.		11.45 Confession & Rosary 12.15 Mass 6pm Vespers/Benediction	Novena for Fathers
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup> June On the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, I class.	7.30am Mass	*No Vespers & Compline	Novena for Fathers
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup> June St. William Abbot, III class.	*No Mass	*7pm Mass	AnneMarie Finn
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup> June Ss. John and Paul Martyrs, III class.	7.30am Mass	*No Vespers: Parish Catechesis at the Cathedral	AnneMarie Finn
Thu	27 <sup>th</sup> June Feria.	7.30am Mass	*No Vespers or Compline	AnneMarie Finn
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup> June Sacred Heart, I class.	7.30am Mass	*6.30pm Confession & Rosary *7pm Mass and Benediction	AnneMarie Finn Margaret Mary Finnis
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup> June Ss. Peter and Paul Apostles, I class.		11am Confession & Rosary 11.30am Mass *No Vespers & Compline	AnneMarie Finn
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup> June External Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, I class.		11.45 Confession & Rosary 12.15 Mass *No Vespers/Benediction	Christine Ann Danilo RIP

\* Changes from the usual schedule

of this devotion is the love of Jesus, the symbol of which is His Heart. In other words, "beneath the symbolic image of the Heart, we contemplate and venerate our divine Redeemer's immense charity and generous love." (Pius VI). This is the real meaning of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as the visible representation of His invisible love. (209)

Devotion to the Sacred Heart was promoted most notably by Saint John Eudes (1610-1680) and by Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690).



**From: The Sacred Heart of Jesus by Saint John Eudes:**

The general introduction by the editors of this work notes: ST. JOHN EUDES has been called "the wonder of his age." Missionary, founder, reformer of the clergy, he crowded into a life of seventy-nine years so many and such varied accomplishments that one marvels how a single man could achieve so much. In addition to the activities of an incessant

and many-sided apostolate, he wrote a number of valuable books, which rank him among the most prolific ascetic writers of the seventeenth century.

**Great Charity, Great Ingratitude**

*In Chapter 6 St John notes the many blessings that we are given:*

Now, to whom do we owe all those blessings? To the boundless generosity and infinite love of the most kind Heart of our lovable Saviour. Hence, what honor, what praise, what thanksgiving we must render Him, and with what devotion we must celebrate the solemnity of that most august Heart! Suppose that the aforesaid merchant who was robbed not only delivered the gunman from the hands of the executioner and from the shameful death he was ready to suffer, but also gave him half of his goods. How would that criminal ever be able to repay such goodness?

Our divine Saviour has done more for us. Not only has He delivered us from eternal death and all the tortures accompanying it, but He has also heaped upon us a

superabundance of unspeakable blessings. Indeed, He has given us all His blessings without reserve.

What shall we give Him in return? Quid retribuam Domino, pro omnibus quae retribuit mihi? (Ps. 115:12) If we had the hearts of as many Seraphim as there are stars in the sky, atoms in the air, blades of grass on the earth, grains of sand and drops of water in the sea, and if we devoted them solely to love and glorify Him, it would be as nothing compared with the love He has for us and the obligations we have of consecrating our hearts to Him.

**Yet what are we and the great majority of men doing?**

Is it not true that we treat this adorable Redeemer as ungratefully as if we had never received any boon from Him? Is it not true that we treat Him as if He



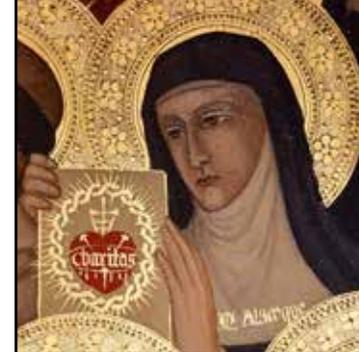
had done us all the evil in the world? But is it not true that He has neglected nothing, that if it came even to all His glory and His own safety, He would not have been able to do more than He has done for love of us? Quid potui facere et non feci? (Isa. 5,4) If it were possible, He says to St. Bridget, that I should suffer all the torments of My Passion as many times as there are souls in hell, I would most gladly suffer them, for charity is as much aflame in my Heart now as it was then.

Even so, is it not still true that the majority of men on earth treat that loving Saviour as if He were their enemy? What insults, what crimes, what cruelty and abuse could they practise against Him that they do not already practise? In short, what more despicable thing could they do than to crucify Him every day? Yes, crucify Him; for anyone who mortally offends Him crucifies Him, rursus Christum crucifigentes, (Heb 6: 6) and commits a greater crime than did the Jews, for they did not know Him.

Let us detest and recoil from such ingratitude and such abominable wickedness. Let us open our ears to the voice, or rather the voices of our Saviour. I say "voices," for all the evils from which He has delivered us and all the blessings without number that He has given us are so many voices crying out to us: Sic Deus dilexit nos. (1 John 4: 11) "God so loved us." Therefore let us love Him who so loves us. If a man of no account, the weakest and lowest of all men, should manifest some kindness towards us, we could not help loving him. Nay, if even a dumb animal, a mongrel, for instance, attaches itself to us and does us some slight service, we love it. Why then should we not love God who is our creator, our preserver, our ruler, our king, our most faithful friend, our most loving father, our treasure, our glory, our supreme good, our life, our heart, our all? He is all heart and soul and love for us.

**First Friday Devotions**

These devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the promises associated with them were revealed by Jesus to Saint Mary Maragaret Alacoque in visions which took place over a period of 18 months from 27 December 1673. The devotions offer reparation for offending God - for sins and especially for offences against the Blessed Sacrament.



In order to obtain the promises connected with the First Friday devotions, on the first Fridays of nine consecutive months one must attend Mass and receive Communion, first making a sacramental confession if one is not in a state of grace.

**The Promises**

- **I will give them all of the graces necessary for their state of life.**
- **I will establish peace in their houses.**
- **I will comfort them in all their afflictions.**
- **I will be their strength during life and above all during death.**
- **I will bestow a large blessing upon all their undertakings.**
- **Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.**
- **Tepid souls shall grow fervent.**
- **Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.**
- **I will bless every place where a picture of my heart shall be set up and honored.**
- **I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.**
- **Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.**
- **In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.**