

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Heart of Jesus is the living center of the Incarnate Word. In revealing the merciful love of the Trinity, Jesus fulfilled the redemptive plan.

Loving the Father in the fullness of the Spirit, the Son offered himself for us.

We see, in the blood and water flowing from his open heart, the culmination of his saving passion in death-resurrection. The Spirit, who is life, has made fruitful for us the Son's outpouring of his own life.



[Canticle of Corinthians \(13: 1-9, 13\)](#)

Antiphon:

**Now is fulfilled the plan of the Father:
to make Christ the heart of the world.**

If I have all the eloquence of humans or of angels,
but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing.

If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and if I have
faith in all its fullness to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all.

If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece and if I even let them take my body to
burn, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or
selfish; it does not take offense and is not resentful.

Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth;
it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. The gift of prophecy will fail,
the gift of languages will not continue forever and the time will come when knowledge
too must fail.

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love.

Glory be...

Prayer:

Heart of Jesus, I seek the warmth of your embrace. Come and set my heart ablaze with
the fire of your love. In flame my heart and will as you did for your chosen Son, Jesus.
Make my heart, like the heart of Christ, burn with compassion for the outcast, with
comfort for the lonely and all who are in need. May my heart be formed, in the pattern of
your heart and become a fiery furnace, where your Reign will be forged in peace and
justice. **AMEN**