

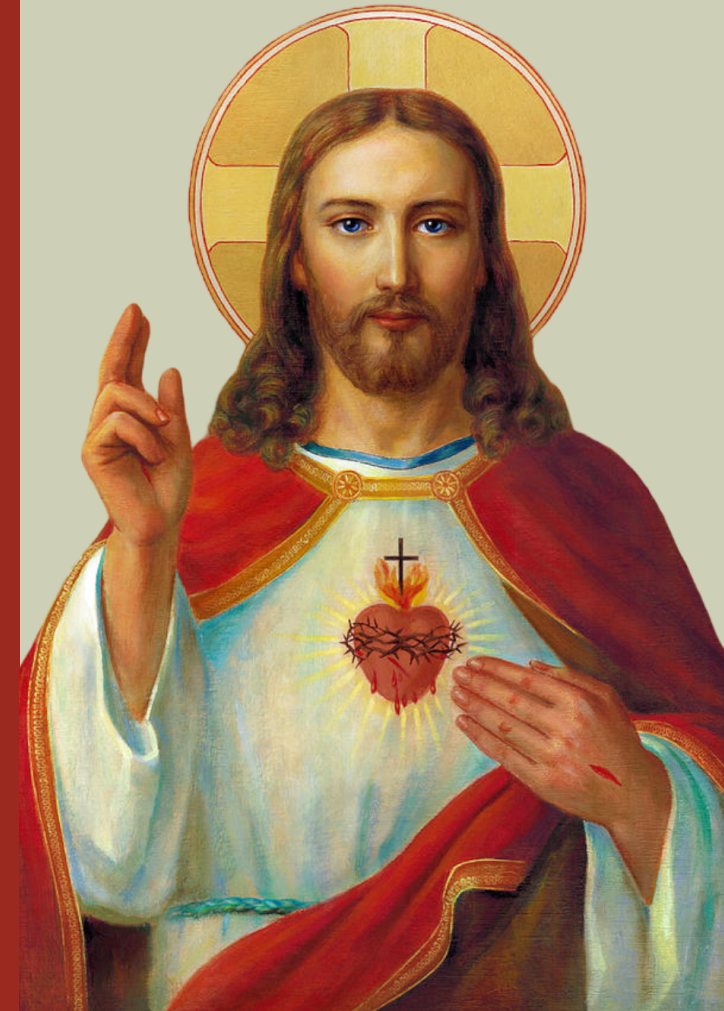
" The amiable Heart of Jesus has an infinite desire to be known and loved by its creatures, in which it wishes to establish its reign, the source of every good, in order to provide for all their wants. "

- St. Margaret Mary

Prayer To The Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

JUNE *is for* JESUS





St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, 1647-1690



Corpus Christi Procession, 1824

HISTORY

The celebration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June can be traced back to the visions and revelations experienced by Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun of the Visitation Order, in the 17th century. St. Margaret Mary reported having mystical experiences in which Jesus revealed to her the depth of his love and his desire for devotion to his Sacred Heart.

In one particular vision, which occurred on June 16, 1675, Jesus asked St. Margaret Mary to promote a special feast in honor of his Sacred Heart. He requested that it be celebrated on the Friday after the octave of the Feast of Corpus Christi, which is a movable feast depending on the date of Easter. The timing of this request placed the feast in June.

The saint shared her experiences and revelations with her confessor, Saint Claude de la Colombière, who recognized the authenticity and significance of her encounters. Together, they worked to promote the devotion to the Sacred Heart and establish the feast day.

Over time, the celebration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June gained popularity and spread throughout the Catholic Church. In 1856, Pope Pius IX extended the feast to the universal Church, and in 1899, Pope Leo XIII consecrated the entire human race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Since then, the devotion and celebration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June have become an integral part of Catholic spirituality, emphasizing the love, mercy, and compassion of Christ for humanity.

WHY JUNE?

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

The month of June, since the 1600's, has been dedicated to the devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion centers on contemplating the compassionate and loving heart of Jesus as a symbol of his divine love for humanity. It is a time to reflect on Christ's selfless sacrifice and express gratitude for his boundless mercy and forgiveness.

Feast of Corpus Christi

The Feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, which usually falls in June. It is a solemn commemoration of the Eucharist, the sacrament in which Catholics believe the bread and wine are transformed into the body and blood of Christ. Processions, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and special Masses are common during this feast.

Novenas and Prayers

June is a month in which Catholics engage in novenas (nine-day prayers) and special devotions. These can include prayers dedicated to Jesus, such as the Divine Mercy Chaplet or the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These prayers serve as a way to deepen one's spiritual connection with Jesus and seek his guidance, grace, and intercession.