

Week Four

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque



All: Heart of Jesus, burning with love for us, set our hearts on fire with love of you.

Leader:

Saint Margaret Mary (1647-1690) was a Visitation nun from Burgundy, France. She is most known for her visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and her visions greatly affected Catholic devotion. The Feast of the Sacred Heart and making a “holy hour” praying with the Eucharist were first promoted by her. She speaks much of the coldness of the human heart which ignores the love of God. The practice of “reparation” or loving Jesus in the place of those who show no love or are blasphemous becomes part of the devotion to the Sacred Heart.¹

She recounts Jesus telling her in a vision: “And [opening] to me His Divine Heart: ‘Behold this Heart which has so loved men that It spared nothing, even going so far as to exhaust and consume Itself, to prove to them Its love. And in return, I receive from the greater part of men nothing but ingratitude, by the contempt, irreverence, sacrileges and coldness with which they treat Me in this Sacrament of Love.’” She recounts that, “Christ revealed ways to venerate his Sacred Heart and explained the immense love he has for humanity, appearing with his heart visible outside his chest, on fire, and surrounded by a crown of thorns.”

Let us pray:

O my Jesus who did say: “Indeed I say to you, ask and it shall be given you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you.” Here I am, knocking, seeking, and asking the grace....[privately mention your request]

All: Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be...

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

I call to you, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, living and life-giving fountain of eternal life, infinite treasure of divinity, glowing furnace of divine love; you are my place of rest and most sure refuge. Dearest Savior, enkindle my heart with that burning love which burns in your heart; pour into my heart the many graces, of which your heart is the source; let your will be my will, and let my will be forever obedient to your will.

All: Amen.

¹ A relic of Saint Margaret Mary is located in the altar at Sacred Heart Church, a gift to us from the bishop of Auton, France.