

Week Five

Saint John Eudes



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

Leader:

Saint John Eudes (1601-1680) was a French priest and the founder of the religious order called the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudists). He was dedicated to preaching parish missions, showing mercy to public sinners, and was involved in the education of priests. He zealously promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He had the task of composing the liturgy for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – the prayers for the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours. For him, devotion to the Sacred Heart was to understand more deeply Jesus’ tremendous love for us and to be converted from sin by understanding how much our sins wound the heart of the one who loves us so deeply.

He wrote, “Therefore we have the greatest obligation to honor the gracious Heart that sustained so many wounds of love for us. ... With what affection should we embrace, and endure all our afflictions, out of love for Jesus, our Savior, since He first bore them for love of us! Should they not be most sweet to us, since they have already passed through His most gentle and loving Heart? What a horror we should have of our sins that have caused so many wounds and such intense grief to the divine Heart of our Redeemer!”

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.