



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

As we strive to be a parish of intentional disciples who make time for personal and communal prayer, we will be praying with a special devotion each month. We invite you and your domestic church to pray along with us.

The month of June is devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

During the month of June, the feasts of the Church calendar, including The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and the Memorial of the Sacred Heart of Jesus remind us of God's redeeming love for humanity. This love is made manifest in the true presence of Christ—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in the Eucharist. Since the 800's devotion to the heart of Jesus has helped Christians to relate to his humanity. Appearing to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque from 1673-1675, Jesus calls humanity back to his love, reminding the faithful of God's covenant which is written on the human heart. Many prayers and devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus have arisen over the years, all calling us to be grateful for the love and mercy of Christ for ourselves, and for all the world.

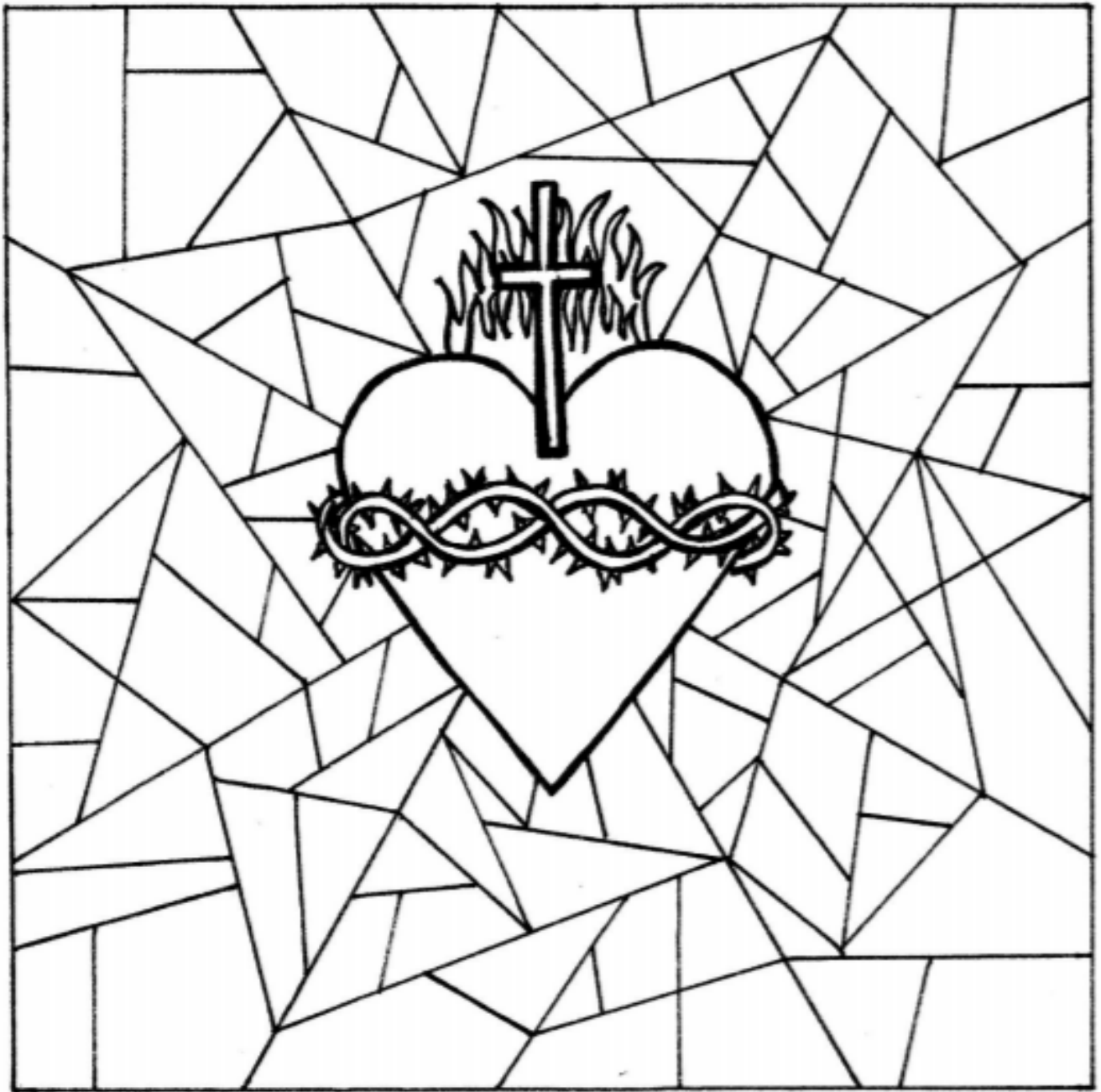
In June we also honor many apostles and martyrs who were witnesses to the love and mercy of Christ in the early days of the Church and devoted themselves to spreading the good News. We too are called to be witnesses to the faith through our words and actions.

This June, let us pray the prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus penned by St. John Cardinal Henry Newman, a well known 19th century convert to Catholicism from Anglicanism who wrote extensively about the faith.

*Most Sacred, most loving Heart of Jesus,
You are concealed in the Holy Eucharist,
And You beat for us still.
Now, as then, You say: "With desire I have desired."
I worship You with all my best love and awe,
With fervent affection,
With my most subdued, most resolved will.
For a while You take up Your abode within me.
O make my heart beat with Your Heart!
Purify it of all that is earthly,
All that is proud and sensual,
All that is hard and cruel,
Of all perversity, of all disorder, of all deadness.
So fill it with You,
That neither the events of the day,
Nor the circumstances of the time,
May have the power to ruffle it;
But that in Your love and Your fear,
It may have peace.
Amen.*



Sacred Heart of Jesus



Have Mercy on Us