

# Preparation for Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Day 3 – June 18, 2020

**PRIEST: Let Us Pray**

PRIEST: “My delight is to be with the children of humankind.” These words from the Book of Proverbs were certainly spoken about You, dear Jesus, Who came down to share our exile here below. You delight in being with us because we need You and You are our best Friend. You love all without exception: saints and sinners, the rich and the poor, the learned and the uneducated. You love all races, all peoples, but above all You love all families. You proved that love by spending thirty years in Your home in Nazareth, and during your public life, many times You accepted invitations to visit families. You even told Zacchaeus the sinner that “I must stay in your house today.”

But there was one family for whom You had a special love, that of Lazarus, Martha, and Mary. How many times did You stay in that beloved family at Bethany! It was there You found rest and solace after the fatigue of Your labors and the insulting attacks of your enemies. At Bethany, You were always received as a royal Guest, but also You were treated as a Brother and Friend.

Dear Jesus, once You are enthroned in our Parish, we too want to be Your true friends. We want you to feel at home with us. We will try to console You for those who do not love You. We will serve You like Martha; listen to You like Mary; and thank You like Lazarus. We feel confident that You will richly bless our Parish and all those who invite You into their lives. And, if there are in our Parish prodigal sons or daughters, lost sheep, sinners dead to the life of grace, we know that You will say to them as You did to Zacchaeus, “Today salvation has come to this house.” You will be to them a loving Father, a Good Shepherd, a Divine Physician, for You are “the Resurrection and the Life.”

O Mary, Mother of our best Friend, and St. Joseph our patron, obtain for us the grace to make our Parish a true Bethany for the Sacred Heart. May our friendship with Jesus be loving, loyal, and lasting. May our daily living with our King and Guest bring about a closer union of hearts, of minds, and of wills so that our entire Parish united with the Heart of Jesus here on earth may remain united with Him and the Father and the Holy Spirit in our true home, heaven, for all eternity!

Amen!

PEOPLE: **O Christ Jesus**, in union with the entire Christian community, we acknowledge You to be King of the universe; all that has been made is created by You. Exercise over us all Your sovereign rights. We hereby renew the promises of our Baptism, renouncing Satan and all his works and empty promises, and we promise to lead henceforth a truly Christian life. Divine Heart of Jesus, we offer You our poor actions to obtain acknowledgement by every heart of Your sacred kingly power. May the kingdom of Your peace be firmly established throughout the earth.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Your kingdom come through Mary!

Sacred Heart of Jesus, protect us!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of heaven, pray for us!

St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us!

St. Michael, first champion of the Kingship of Christ, pray for us!

Guardian Angels, pray for us!

## LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART

Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Christ, hear us.

*Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of heaven,  
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
God, the Holy Spirit,  
Holy Trinity, one God,  
Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father,  
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mother,  
Heart of Jesus, united substantially with the Word of God,  
Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty,  
Heart of Jesus, sacred temple of God,  
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High,  
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven,  
Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity,  
Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love,  
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love,  
Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,  
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,  
Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts,  
Heart of Jesus, in Whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,  
Heart of Jesus, in Whom dwells all the fullness of Divinity,  
Heart of Jesus, in Whom the Father is well pleased,  
Heart of Jesus, of Whose fullness we have all received,  
Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,  
Heart of Jesus, patient and rich in mercy,  
Heart of Jesus, enriching all who invoke You,  
Heart of Jesus, fount of life and holiness,  
Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins,  
Heart of Jesus, loaded down with opprobrium,  
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offenses,  
Heart of Jesus, made obedient unto death,  
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,  
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,  
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,  
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation,  
Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins,  
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in You,  
Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in You,  
Heart of Jesus, delight of all Saints,  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
Jesus, meek and humble of Heart.

*Have mercy on us...*

*Spare us, O Lord!  
Graciously hear us, O Lord!  
Have mercy on us.  
Make our hearts like unto Yours.*

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, look upon the Heart of Your most-beloved Son and upon the praises and satisfaction which He offers You in the name of sinners; and to those who implore Your mercy, in Your great goodness, grant forgiveness in the Name of the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You forever and ever.

**R. Amen.**