

❖ **MAGNIFICAT MEDITATION OF THE DAY** ❖

The Sacred Heart

The Heart of Jesus Christ, of Jesus Christ whole and entire, is a Heart divine and human at the same time, and thus it is worthy of the worship of adoration, but that is not all. The Heart of Jesus opened on the cross by the iron of the lance is the door by which we can enter into the knowledge of Infinite love....

The worship of the Sacred Heart is the worship, inspired by gratitude, of the love of God, of Jesus Christ, for man; it is above all and before all the worship of Infinite Love....The doctrine of Infinite Love is certainly no new doctrine; it appears in the first pages of Genesis, and down the ages the little children learn it on their mothers' knees when learning their Bible history. Indeed the whole Sacred Scripture reveals God as Infinite Love.

It shines forth in creation, for it is only omnipotent Love, wise and infinite, that could have imagined this great work and accomplished it. It shines forth in the mediation of the Word when, after the sin of Adam, he offers himself to expiate the fault of the guilty; and when this sublime sacrifice is accepted by the Father and the Holy Spirit, Infinite Love manifests itself in the holy Gospels, it flows forth from all its pages, it shines with a splendid light in the Redemption. Indeed, who is there that does not see that it is Infinite Love that made the Son of God descend from heaven and become incarnate; that induced him to take on himself all our weaknesses, except sin, and that delivered him up in ignominy and death?

It shows itself in the descent of the Holy Spirit, the divine fire that came to enlighten the world and inflame men's hearts; in the formation of the Church, in the institution of the divine Sacraments, particularly in the Eucharist. What a marvelous invention of Infinite Love! Infinite Love! It is the substance of Catholic doctrine, it is its center; it is the explanation of all the mysteries of our faith. It is not only the love of God for the creature, it is God himself!

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