

# The Sacred Heart of Jesus at St. John Neumann Church

**To the right of our sanctuary is a beautiful representation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.** Here you will find a very gentle and loving Jesus whose heart is wrapped in a crown of thorns, a cross comes forth from his heart and the heart itself is aflame.

**The symbol represents Jesus Christ's actual heart as his love for all of humanity.** The Sacred Heart can be depicted a few different ways.

The most common depiction is of the heart with a circle of thorns that represents the crown of thorns that was placed on Jesus' head. It also may have a cross, which represents the Crucifixion. Other symbols may have a flame or light surrounding it, which signifies the divine light of love. You will mostly see the Sacred Heart in a portrait of Jesus Christ.

**Jesus made 12 promises to those who honor the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque:**

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will comfort them in their trials.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death.
5. I will shed abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in My Heart an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls will become fervent.
8. Fervent souls will rapidly grow in holiness and perfection.
9. I will bless every place where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. The names of those who promote this devotion will be written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
12. I promise thee, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.



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