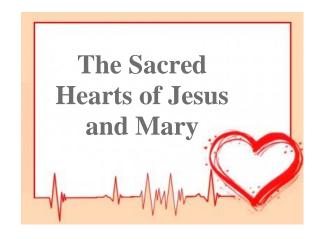
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To be "sacred" means "to be set aside for a unique purpose".

What, then, is the purpose of **Jesus'** heart?

The heart is obviously a human element of who Jesus is.

It certainly expresses the love of God the Son, for as Saint John the Divine tells us, God is love.

Mary, too, has a 'sacred' heart. She has a heart of love and of genuine motherly concern for all.

Faced with the mysteries she encountered in the early stages of the life of Jesus she "kept all these things in her heart."

What does it mean then to say that Jesus and Mary, as humans, have hearts? It means that they are capable of suffering.

To have a heart means to be able to be broken, to be weak, to be vulnerable.

This is the breadth and length and height and depth of Christ's and Mary's love: that they would both, in their own unique ways give their lives for the salvation of humans.

Both repeat, time and again, "Fiat / Yes"

"Not my will but yours be done"

"Be it done unto me according to your word"

