

# SACRED HEART

## Day One

*Called to reflect the Hospitable Heart of God*



*Painting by Br Michael McGrath*

### Scripture

*Hebrews 13:2 (Inclusive Bible)*

Continue to love each other as sisters and brothers. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

*Genesis 1:27-28 (Inclusive Bible)*

Humankind was created as God's reflection: in the divine image God created them; female and male, God made them.

God blessed them and said, "Bear fruit, increase your numbers, and fill the earth – and be responsible for it! Watch over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things on the earth!"

## Reflection

*Love one another; bear with one another, and let charity guide you in all your life.*

*Mary MacKillop 1909*

*May the Sacred Heart of Jesus fill you with all love, that you burn and glow with it more and more.*

*Julian Tenison Woods 1879*

*Take time to reflect*

## Response

How do I experience  
the Hospitable Heart of God?

How do I reflect the Hospitable Heart of God?

## Prayer

God, creator, the whole world breathes your name.  
Your goodness reaches out beyond the stars.

The joyful babble of babies  
has the power to move the hardest hearts.  
We see your artwork in the gallery of the universe.

To see the stars and planets in their mystery is to  
wonder at the littleness of us humans.

You care for us in a special way.

You have called us to stewardship of the earth.

To be co-creators and guardians of the universe  
is a life-time responsibility.

Let us honour your life-giving name.

*Songs from a Pierced Heart, Psalm 8  
by Patricia Stevenson rsj*

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## Mary MacKillop's blessing for us in this month of the Sacred Heart

*May the loving Heart bring to one and all of you  
its own true spirit – its spirit of love, true charity  
and sweet humility*

*Mary MacKillop 1890*