



Bishop Robert Barron:

“Every year, just after the solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Though the Church certainly reverences the mind of Christ (“May that same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus”), and though it clearly reverences the will of Christ (much of Christian discipleship is simply conforming our wills to Christ’s), there isn’t a feast of the Sacred Mind, nor of the Sacred Will. But there is a festival of the Sacred Heart. What seems clear is that the Church wants us to pay careful attention to the affectivity of Jesus: the Gospels present Jesus as a person of extraordinary emotion, passion, and heart: look at the Good Samaritan, the wedding at Cana, the father of the prodigal son, Jesus weeping for Lazarus....

The heart of Jesus is not simply the heart of a great man from the first century, but rather the heart of God himself. The feelings of Jesus—of joy, sorrow, pity, compassion, exultation, etc.—are the feelings of God. Therefore, the heart of Jesus is a place where God dwells. . . . When we move into the space of Jesus’ heart—loving what he loves, sorrowing over what he sorrows over, rejoicing over what he rejoices over, feeling compassion for whom he feels compassion—we are dwelling in the holy temple of God.”