

**HEARTS ON FIRE  
SACRED HEART VALUES REFLECTION  
OCTOBER: INVITATION**

*The person or group who will share this reflection should gather in a quiet place and begin with a moment of silence (and perhaps light a candle or some other way of being mindful of prayer).*

*All make the sign of the cross together:  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son...*

*One person reads the Scripture passage: Luke 19:1-10  
A reading from the Gospel of Luke*

**Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'**

The Word of the Lord.

*All read the Parish Mission Statement together:*

**Sacred Heart Parish is a welcoming Catholic community  
which inspires faith in God through prayer, sacraments and service  
while living Gospel values as faithful followers of Jesus Christ.**

*One person reads the definition of Invitation:*  
Invitation means welcoming all who seek God.

*Spend a few moments in silence answering the following questions (you can write your answers if you like):*

1. What does this value say to you?
2. How do you experience this value at Sacred Heart?
3. How could this value be enhanced at Sacred Heart?

*Spend a few moments sharing your answers to the three questions. If the group has more than four members, share your answers with one other person.*

*Finish this reflection by praying the Hearts on Fire prayer together:*

**Let us pray.**  
**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,**  
**set our hearts on fire for love of you**  
**and help our parish to know how to best serve you.**  
**Help our parish to**  
**Follow you,**  
**Invite participation,**  
**Renew community, and**  
**Explore our future**  
**by discerning together how we can be your faithful disciples.**  
**You have been our inspiration for many years;**  
**may we continue to trust in you**  
**and place you above all else in our lives.**  
**We make this prayer in your holy name,**  
**for you live and reign in unity**  
**with the Father and the Holy Spirit,**  
**one God, forever and ever. Amen.**