

**HEARTS ON FIRE
SACRED HEART VALUES REFLECTION
DECEMBER: COMPASSION**

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

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, had not consented to their plan of action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea and was awaiting the kingdom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried.

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 Compassion:

Compassion means expressing concern for those in need through prayer and action.

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.