

# Following the Apostle of Charity...

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**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,  
and from his fullness we have all received - Jn 1:14,16**  
*(Today's Communion Antiphon)*



Icon: Sacred Heart of Naur (Jordan)

**"The presence of Jesus  
in the tabernacle  
must be a kind of magnetic pole attracting  
an ever greater number of souls enamoured of Him,  
ready to wait patiently to hear His voice  
and, as it were, to sense the beating of His heart.  
"O taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Ps 34:8)."**

***Mane Nobiscum Domine*** (Stay With Us Lord)  
Apostolic Letter, 10/07/04, **Pope St John Paul II**

## **St John the Beloved Disciple**

*who sensed the beating of His Heart...*

Apostle and Evangelist

Son of Zebedee, brother of James

Asia Minor, Galilee (6-115 AD)  
**Apostle of Charity**  
Patron of Asia Minor, Theologians  
**Feast Day - December 27**

**"It is a long way** from being eager to sit  
on a throne of power  
or to call down fire from heaven to  
becoming the man who could write:  
*"The way we came to know love was that  
He laid down His life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives for our  
brothers"* (1 John 3:16).

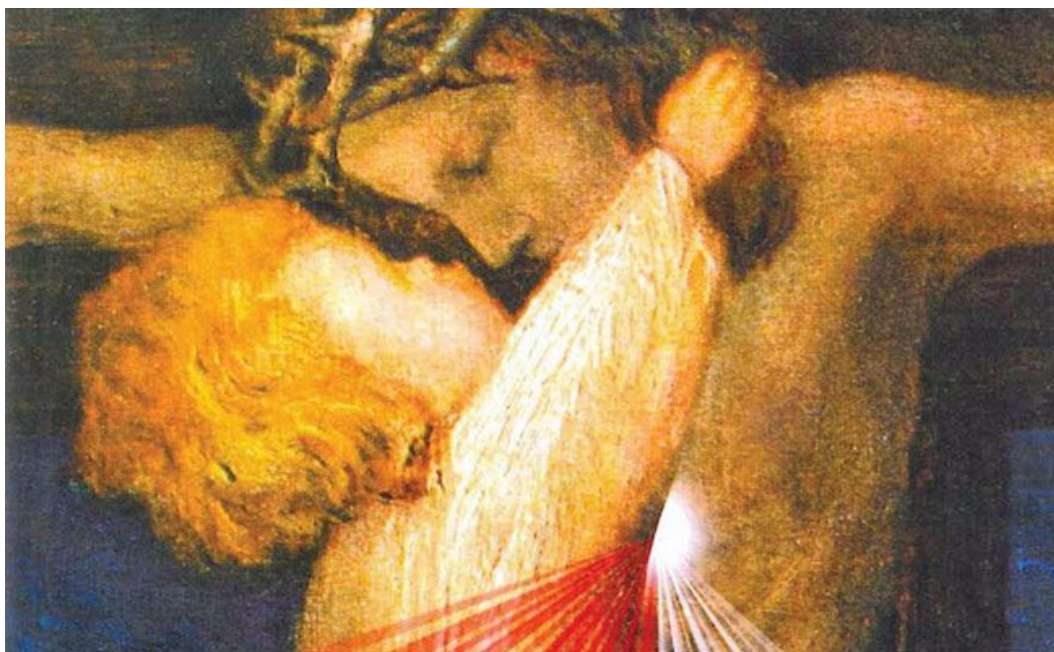
**Through John we know how we are to  
participate as our destiny  
in the life of Christ."** ~ *St Teresa  
Benedicta (Edith Stein)*

[Click here: St. John the Evangelist -  
YouTube \(2 mins\)](#)

[Click here: St. John the Apostle -  
YouTube \(7:30 mins\)](#)



Valentin de boulogne



**O most Sacred, most loving Heart of Jesus,**

Thou art concealed in the Holy Eucharist, and Thou beatest for us still... I worship Thee with all my best love and awe, with my fervent affection, with my most subdued, most resolved will.

**O my God, when Thou dost condescend**

to suffer me to receive Thee, to eat and drink Thee, and Thou for a while takest up Thy abode within me, O make my heart beat with Thy Heart. Purify it of all that is earthly, all that is proud and sensual, all that is hard and cruel, of all perversity, of all disorder, of all deadness.

So fill it with Thee, that neither the events of the day nor the circumstances of the time may have power to ruffle it, but that in Thy love and Thy fear it may have peace. Amen.

- Bl John Henry Newman, *Meditations and Devotions*  
Part III [XVI] para. 3



**The eagle**, believed to look directly into the light of the sun, is the symbol of St. John. This bird was used because in his Gospel St. John dwells particularly upon the Divinity of the Redeemer and contemplates with the unflinching eye of an eagle the highest truths.

**St John, pray for us!**