Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (A)

Gospel text (*Mt* 11:25-30): At that time Jesus exclaimed: "... Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

God's "eros" Love

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Today we hear Jesus-God speak of his own "heart."A meek and humble heart! And, in his Gospel, Saint John described the scene of Christ crucified, his side pierced by a lance. Contemplating that image helps us to understand that "God is love" to the extreme: a "mad eros".

To our surprise, it's not just a sublime love, lofty, distant, of mere friendship and of pure friendship... God also loves us with desire. In theory, he does not need us at all nor should he need anything from his creatures. However, Jesus Christ reveals a God with a love full of feeling and good wishes: the Creator desires and hopes for man's loving response. And he waits in silence, quietly, as the finest lover.

—Jesus, in your pierced heart I immerse myself and in your love I find rest: You suffer without making others suffer; You suffer but you neither tell us nor take it into account on us... Forgive us, Lord!