



THE HEART OF JESUS.

THE HAPPINESS OF THE SOUL WHICH CONTEMPLATES THIS
DIVINE HEART.

IN meditating on this adorable object, we have revealed to us the thoughts and sentiments of Our Saviour. Of all hearts, His is the most beautiful, the greatest, and the best. It was the principle of His mortal life and aspirations. From that Divine Heart came the zeal and ardor with which He preached His Gospel; from It came also that great love for souls, which kept Him up through all the fatigue of the labors, which otherwise would have weighed Him down. It showed itself in His gracious smile, in the light which shone on His countenance, in the tears which flowed from His eyes, — yet diminishing nought of their brilliancy. It was the source whence came the Precious Blood, — that ruddy stream, which, drop by drop, flowed during the days of His Passion, retracing its course on the morning of His resurrection, to re-enter that adorable Heart.

Now, as then, this same Heart has an intimate relation with the affections of Jesus in the abode of His glory, and thereby with each of His actions. In heaven, It inundates His glorious humanity with the splendor and warmth of Its rays. Lift the veil which hides His sacramental presence, you will see His Heart, which never ceases to think of us and love us, — the source from which His Precious Blood flows each day, in thousands of chalices.

It is the source of the light which illumines the Church, of the graces which vivify it, — the root from which all