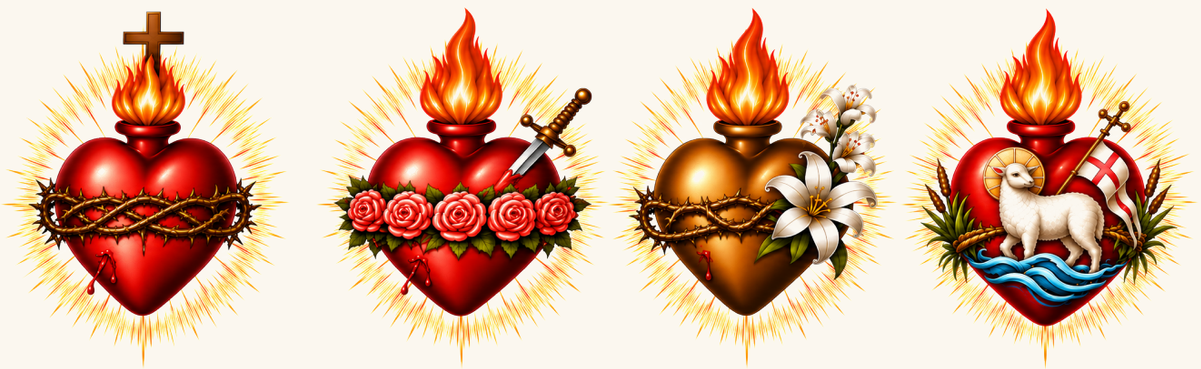
THE FOUR HEARTS



To God be the honor and the glory.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
the Most Chaste Heart of St. Joseph,
and the Joyful Heart of St. John the Baptist
keep you and those you love close to God.

God bless you.

THE HOLY FAMILY AND ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST





In Raphael's tender composition, Mary and Joseph look toward the young John, while John raises his eyes toward Jesus. Christ reaches toward the one who will one day prepare His way.

For us, the scene offers a beautiful image of the vocation of John the Baptist: to rejoice in Christ, to prepare His way, and ultimately to direct every heart toward Him.

"Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who taketh away the sin of the world." - John 1:29 (DR)

WHY "THE JOYFUL HEART"?

John's joy in Christ begins before his birth: "the infant in my womb leaped for joy" (Luke 1:44, DR). Later, as the friend of the Bridegroom, he "rejoiceth with joy because of the bridegroom's voice. This my joy therefore is fulfilled." (John 3:29, DR). The name expresses a heart that recognizes Christ, rejoices in His presence, prepares His way, and points others toward Him.

SYMBOLS OF THE JOYFUL HEART

The Lamb - Christ, whom John proclaimed: "Behold the Lamb of God." (John 1:29, DR)
The waters - The Jordan, where John baptized and where Jesus came to him for baptism.
The cross and banner - The traditional resurrection banner, symbolizing Christ's victory over death.
The reeds and greenery - In this design, they evoke the wilderness and Jordan, recalling John's ministry of preparation.
The flame - John's burning witness to Christ, whom Jesus called "a burning and a shining light." (John 5:35, DR)
The red heart - In this design, its red recalls John's love for Christ and the blood of his martyrdom, a witness faithful even unto death.

"The Joyful Heart of St. John the Baptist" is a devotional title created for this prayer card and is not presented as an established liturgical title of the Church.

Raphael (Raffaello Sanzio),
The Holy Family with the Infant Saint John the Baptist, or Madonna of the Rose, c. 1517
Museo Nacional del Prado, Madrid

FOUR ANGRY DACHSHUNDS

Johnny • Abby • Jimmy • Bella

Sixteen Paws. Four Personalities. One Pack.

Angry by Name, Adorable by Nature. Tiny Legs, Big Attitude. Short on Legs, Long on Sass!



"Around here, ordinary life
has a way of becoming a story.

Sometimes we laugh.
Sometimes we ponder.
Sometimes we cry.

And somewhere along the way,
we discover that
God has been with us all along.

The door's always open.
The light's always on.
There's always room for one more
at the table.

In Christ's peace, welcome!"

— Jimmy + Johnny's Dad

Four Angry Dachshunds

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