

The Sacred Heart tradition developed spectacularly in 18th-century France. This devotion to the heart of Jesus Christ, symbolising divine love, was especially widespread in the Catholic Church. Pope Clement XIII introduced The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart (the feast of the heart of Jesus) in 1765; then Pope Pius IX extended it throughout the Catholic Church in 1856. This Chapel of the Sacred Heart was probably built during extensive restoration work in the 19th century.

The chapel has a 19th-century marble altar. During the 2019 restoration, the stencilled motifs on the walls were conserved and consolidated. The vault is decorated with hearts, Maltese crosses and fleurs-de-lis. The Sacred Heart is often represented in Christian art as a flaming heart shining with a divine light, framed by a crown of thorns.