



19TH CENTURY FRENCH GOTHIC REVIVAL POLISHED CAST IRON SACRED HEART ALTAR CROSS

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Bring dramatic Gothic Revival craftsmanship to a church, chapel, or refined interior with this exceptional antique altar cross. Crafted in France circa 1870, the cross is cast in solid iron and richly ornamented with elegant pierced tracery, lancet-inspired Gothic motifs, trefoil terminals, and a radiant burst of rays centered around a deeply sculptural Sacred Heart medallion. The central emblem depicts the Sacred Heart of Jesus surmounted by a cross and encircled by the Crown of Thorns, symbolizing Christ's divine love, sacrifice, and redemption.

The tall vertical shaft is beautifully articulated with openwork Gothic architecture and culminates in a graceful finial, while the lower section is adorned with a finely cast kneeling angel sheltered within a Gothic niche, adding remarkable sculptural interest and devotional significance. The architectural pedestal base is further enriched with pierced quatrefoil-inspired ornament and raised on molded block feet, providing both stability and visual balance.

The polished iron finish highlights the crisp relief of the intricate casting while the darker recessed areas create striking contrast and depth, emphasizing the exceptional quality of the workmanship. Rich in symbolism and architectural presence, this antique ecclesiastical cross is equally suited for use as an altar cross, chapel furnishing, devotional sculpture, or statement decorative object in a study, library, or Gothic-inspired interior.

The altar cross is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, and adorns a beautifully aged polished iron finish with wonderful definition throughout.

Dimensions: 27.5" W x 47.5" H