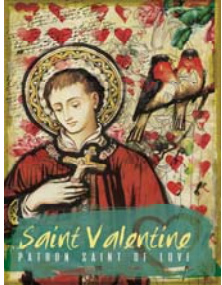




ST. FRANCIS PRE



St. Valentines Day

February 2025

What Is The Real Story Of St. Valentine's Day?

In short, yes, but **there may have been two or three Saints with the name Valentine** in the 3rd century, and the stories have become somewhat entangled over the years. That's why it's so hard to pin down St. Valentine's story. Some historians claim they could have been the same person. Here's what we know about his legend:

- Feast day February 14
- Bishop of Terini, Italy
- 3rd century Roman Martyr
- Imprisoned for secretly marrying soldiers that wanted to be wed at a time that soldiers were not allowed to have wives
- signed a letter to the jailer's daughter

"from your Valentine"

- healed his jailer's daughter of blindness
- Patron Saint of couples, love, and bee keepers
- Symbols: heart, birds, roses

It would be fun as a family activity to do a little research on St. Valentine.

Valentine Poem:

For this was on Saint Valentine's day,

When every fowl comes there his mate to take,

Of every species that men know, I say,

And then so huge a crowd did they make,

That earth and sea, and tree, and every lake

Was so full, that there was scarcely space

For me to stand, so full was all the place...

...Saint Valentine, who art full high aloft –

Thus sing the small fowls for your sake –

Now welcome summer, with your sun soft,

That this winter's weather does off-shake.

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Half way through the PRE year
- ☺ Have you been practicing your prayers
- ☺ Leave toys at home

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PRAYERS

Within this newsletter, you will see how your child/ren tested out on their knowledge of prayers. Some kids are behind on the prayers they need to know and other kids are way ahead of the prayers they are to know.

For the kids that are way ahead, keep up the great work. For the ones that are behind, have faith and you will get there as well. It just takes saying the prayer every day till you know it.

Here is a break down of what prayers each student needs to know them by.

Kind-1st Graders:

Sign of the Cross
Glory Be
Our Father
Hail Mary
Guardian Angel

2nd Grader:

Act of Contrition
10 Commandments
7 Sacraments

3rd-4th Graders:

Meal Prayers
Order of Mass
Rosary-Mysteries

Stations of the Cross
Apostles Creed

5th-6th Graders:

Nicene Creed
Holy Days of Obligation
Hail Holy Queen

Confirmation :

Angelus
Fatima Prayer
4 Gospels

If you need prayer cards, I have a ring of laminated cards with prayers on each one. It is color coded for each grade.

Please let me know and I will send one home to your family to use. With only one hour and a half, it is hard for us at Religion to get your child to know all the prayers they need to know. We need the help of parents to get the kids where they need to be.

If you have concerns about this, I am always available for a talk so we can make sure we have the best interest of the child/ren at hand.



When was the last time you picked up the Bible. It is a good book to read too.

Follow the sun, as the sun is the Son of Man, Jesus.

2nd Grader's First Reconciliation

I usually post a picture of the students that made their First Reconciliation but I had one student that had to leave early.

But that does not mean that this Special Day is any less important. There were five students that were nervous to go tell Fr. Stan their sins for the first time. But when they were done, they were happy to have a clean soul. I hope they continue to go to confession so they have that great relationship with God.

- ◆ Cooper Frauendorfer
- ◆ Rhonin Heinen
- ◆ Katie Klug
- ◆ Emilia McPhillips
- ◆ Carl Foltz

We are excited to get these 5 students prepared to receive Jesus for the first time!

2024-2025 Yearly Schedule

~~Sept 4 First night of class~~

~~Sept 11 Class~~

~~Sept 18 Class~~

~~Sept 25 Mass~~

~~Oct 2 Class~~

~~Oct 6 Bazaar~~

~~Oct 9 Class~~

~~Oct 16 Class~~

~~Oct 23 Mercy Meal~~

~~Oct 30 Mass~~

~~Nov 6 Class~~

~~Nov 13 Class~~

~~Nov 20 Class~~

~~Nov 27 No Class HAPPY TURKEY DAY~~

~~Dec 4 Class~~

~~Dec 11 Confessions~~

~~Dec 18 Class/Christmas Party~~

~~Dec 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS NO CLASS~~

~~Jan 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR NO CLASS~~

~~Jan 8 Class~~

~~Jan 15 Class~~

~~Jan 18 First Reconciliation~~

~~Jan 22 Class~~

~~Jan 29 Mass~~

~~Feb 5 Class~~

Feb 12— Class

Feb 19 — Class

Feb 23—Confirmation Retreat at 12:45pm (8th

Graders only)

Feb 26 - Class

March 5 — Ash Wednesday—Mass

March 12 — Confessions

March 19 — Class

March 23 — Confirmation 2pm @ Humphrey

March 26 — Class

April 2 — Class

April 9 — Class

April 16 - Class

April 20 — Easter

April 23 — Mass

April 24 — Class/Last night of class

May 4 — First Communion

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The ride through life is not always easy but it is safer with God my your side.

REMINDER!!!!

Just as a reminder, if you ever miss place the PRE newsletter, you can always read the latest one on the parish website. This way you will know when meetings are, if we are having mass instead of class or what other questions may come up. This is a very good resource to have.

Christian

Has anyone ever ask you why you are Catholic? Maybe you really don't even know why you are Catholic. It is because that is what your parents baptized and raised you as? So that is how you are going to raise your child as, so you keep your parents happy?

Why does everything we do have to make so many people happy?

Now hear me out, not that being a Catholic is bad because it is not. I have heard a lot of Professors and Doctrines state in studies that kids have a better chance at continuing their faith as a Catholic if their parents are good practicing Catholics.

We are teaching the kids the Holy Days of Obligation and what days these are. We teach the kids that missing a Sunday Mass (this can be a Saturday night Mass as well) it is a sin, missing a Holy Day is

a sin. If your child misses one of these days, by the law of the Catholic Church, they are suppose to attend confession before receiving the Eucharist the next time. Only very few abide by this.

It is hard to get up on a Sunday morning when sleeping in sounds 110% better, but Jesus fasted in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights for us, not for Himself. For us, did you hear that, *For Us*.

So I challenge each and everyone of you, that this Lenten season, try and set a better example to your child/ren in the way of Catholic values and what is expected from us as parents. If you are not sure, I would encourage you to attend one of the RCIA classes (please call the deacon to see when these are held so they know you want to come) when the church offers them. It is not

just for people of different faiths that now want to be a Catholic, it is also for us who may have a few questions about our faith or who have fallen away and would love that opportunity to come back. If you have only a few questions about your faith or what you should do, I would ask that you reach out to Fr. or a deacon and allow them to answer your questions or allow them to set up a couple times to meet so your faith is not so scary.

So many kids do not continue with their faith after they leave high school. But with supportive parents and good values instilled in them, they will go far.

Bloom where you are planted.