

## Valentine, Martyr: died 269

There is some confusion about the life of Valentine. There may have been two Valentines, one a priest and physician in Rome, the second the bishop of Interamna, a town about sixty miles from Rome. Many scholars believe that these were one and the same person.

Valentine, the priest, cared for Christians who were being persecuted under Claudius II. Arrested for this, he was sent by the emperor to the prefect of Rome who tried to persuade Valentine to renounce his faith. The prefect failed in his efforts, and he ordered Valentine to be beheaded. The execution took place on February 14, 269. He was buried on the Flaminian Way in Rome where a church was erected in his honor and a gate, the Porta Valentini (now known as Porta del Popolo) was named for him.

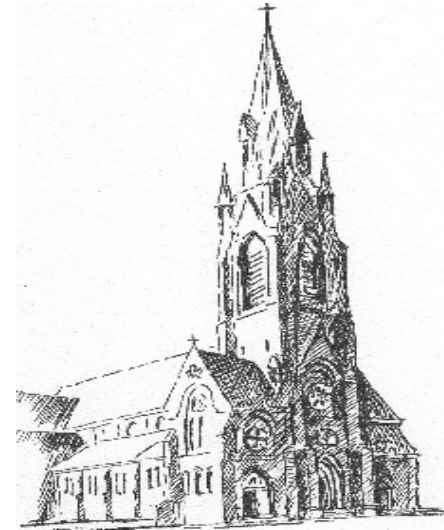
Valentine, the bishop, was also beheaded and buried on the Flaminian way though he is said to have been executed in Interamna where a great devotion to the saint built up immediately. Tradition has it that he also was killed on February 14, however the year of his death is put as 273. It is entirely possible that Valentine, the bishop, was brought to Rome where he was put to death, thus, it is likely that Valentine, the priest, and Valentine, the bishop, are the same person.

The custom for young men and women to choose each other as Valentines on this day is based on the popular medieval belief, recorded in literature as early as Chaucer, that birds began to pair on this day. Early references to the custom were contained in a letter written in 1477 by Elizabeth Drews to a prospective bridegroom concerning her marriageable daughter, Margery, and Margery's letter which refers to him as "my right well beloved Valentine."

**Valentine's message today:** Since we know that God is love, it seems appropriate that we should associate one of God's saints with love. We should remember, however, that God does not want us just to love those who are near to us. Jesus told us that we must love our enemies as well.

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
**Mon.— Fri. 8:30—12:00 and 1:00—4:00**

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**Sunday Masses**  
8:30 am Portuguese  
10:00 am Portuguese  
11:30 am English

**Weekday Masses**  
Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese  
6:30 pm English  
Saturday 5:00 pm English  
6:30 pm Portuguese

## Parish Council

### **Legion Of Mary**

Every Monday after the 6:30 p.m. Mass  
Celeste Simões 416-703-1343

### **Devotion Of The Sacred Heart**

First Friday of the Month after the 6:30 p.m. Mass  
Teresa Sousa 1-905-894-3211

### **English Choir**

Susan Taylor 416-531-0503

### **Portuguese Choir**

Ana da Silva 905-891-5444

## Santo Cristo

### **Santo Cristo Band (Hall)**

John Medeiros 416-703-2231  
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### **Santo Cristo Association**

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### **Espirito Santo**

José e Margarida Silva 905-873-1908

### **Baptism—Sundays**

Baptisms will be booked by appointment only.

### **Marriages**

Please contact the priest 12 months in advance.

### **Confessions**

Every day before Mass, except on Sunday

### **School**

St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205



**V Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 4, 2018**

**Psalm—Sing praises to the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.**

The Book of Job confronts the problem of suffering. The common explanation was that suffering was a punishment for sin. But, though Job is a good man, he suffers greatly. His suffering causes him to take a gloomy view of life (First Reading).

This sets the scene for the Gospel. However, what we see in the Gospel is not Jesus' answer to the question 'why suffering?', but his response to actual suffering. He heals the sick and proclaims the good news of salvation.

The Gospel also shows the urgency with which he dedicated himself to preaching the Gospel, something we see exemplified also in Paul (Second Reading).

In the midst of his activity Jesus found time to pray in quiet places. It was during these hours of solitude that he maintained and fostered the most important thing in his life—his relationship with the Father.

Here lay the secret of his successful ministry. The Eucharist Celebration provides us with a great opportunity to take time out to be with the Lord.

**City of God**

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

**Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing.  
For the Lord our light and our love has turned  
the night into day.**

We are sons of the morning;  
we are daughters of day.  
The One who has loved us  
has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be  
a light for all people to set their hearts free.

**Eagles' Wings**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,  
My Rock in Whom I trust."

**And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His Wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day,  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come.

**You Are Mine**

I will come to you in the silence  
I will lift you from all your fear  
You will hear My voice I claim you as My choice  
Be still, and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless  
I am eyes for all who long to see  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light come and rest in Me.

**Do not be afraid, I am with you  
I have called you each by name  
Come and follow Me I will bring you home  
I love you and you are mine.**

I am strength for all the despairing  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free  
And all will know My name.

I am the Word that leads all to freedom  
I am the peace the world cannot give  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain  
Stand up, now, walk, and live.

**Glory and Praise to Our God**

**Glory and praise to our God  
Who alone gives light to our days  
Many are the blessings He bears  
To those who trust in His ways.**

We the daughters and sons of Him  
Who built the valleys and plains  
Praise the wonders our God has done  
In every heart that sings

In His wisdom He strengthens us  
Like gold that's tested in fire  
Though the power of sin prevails  
Our God is there to save.

**Mass Intentions for this Week**

**Saturday, February 3—5:00 p.m.**  
Luciano e Rosa Borges, pais e irmãos  
**Sunday, February 4—11:30 a.m.**

**Monday, February 5—6:30 p.m.**  
Almas do purgatório

**Tuesday, February 6—6:30 p.m.**  
Almas do purgatório

**Wednesday, February 7—6:30 p.m.**  
Maria Oliveira

**Thursday, February 8—6:30 p.m.**  
José Manuel Oliveira Correia

**Friday, February 9—6:30 p.m.**  
Manuel e Maria Couto e familiares

**Saturday, February 3 — 5:00 p.m.**  
Glenn Riddle

**Income Tax Receipts**

By the end of this month of February we will be mailing your donation receipt for income tax purposes.

**2018 Envelopes**

We still have numbered envelope boxes by the entrance of the church. If you did not pick up your donation envelope box, please do so. A reminder if you did change address and or phone number, please notify the office, so our records can be updated.

**Dates to Remember**

Our Easter Confessions will be on Wednesday, March 21st from 10:30—12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

**St. Vincent De Paul**

On Tuesday, February 13th we will have a meeting at the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.

**Last Week's Donations**

*Weekly Offerings ....\$3,739.00*

**Parish Maintenance Offerings**

\$50.00 / \$100.00 / \$210.00 / \$240.00 / \$500.00

**We thank you for your generosity.**

## Paróquia de Santa Maria

### V Domingo do Tempo Comum

Os Cristãos como “filhos da luz”, são chamados a ser, no meio dos homens, “luz do mundo” e “sal da terra”. Inseridos, pelo seu Baptismo, no Corpo Místico de Cristo, ficam, com efeito, a participar da Sua mesma missão. “Tornados participantes, a seu modo, da função sacerdotal, profético e real de Cristo” em virtude dos dons, que lhes foram conferidos, os cristãos ficam habilitados a ser testemunhas da Ressurreição de Cristo e instrumentos de toda a acção salvífica da Igreja. Corresponsáveis da obra comum, devem trabalhar, generosamente, na construção da Igreja no mundo e na inspiração cristã da ordem temporal.

Para serem “luz do mundo”, para serem fiéis ao seu compromisso, torna-se necessário que os cristãos se deixem penetrar da luminosidade de Cristo e impregnar do Seu espírito.

**Leitura do Livro de Job 7,4.6-7** A condição do homem sobre a terra é, sem dúvida, muito precária. Breve e, para mais, fértil em penas e dores, a vida do homem aparece ainda ensombrada pela perspectiva da morte. O cristão, no entanto, não pode ceder ao pessimismo, como Job. Cristo veio ao meio dos homens e a Sua vinda fez brilhar no mundo esplendorosa luz de esperança. Depois que ele morreu e ressuscitou, o homem não é um ser para a morte, mas um ser para a vida.

**Salmo Responsorial: Louvai o Senhor, que salva os corações atribulados.**

**Leitura da Primeira Epistola de São Paulo aos Coríntios 9,16-19.22-23** Á semelhança de S. Paulo todo o cristão deve ser testemunha de Cristo e arauto do Seu Evangelho. Na verdade, “incumbe a todos os leigos a magnífica tarefa de trabalhar para que o designio de salvação atinja, cada vez mais, os homens de todos os tempos e lugares”. Este dever nasce, precisamente, da nossa união com Cristo, no Baptismo. Para o podermos cumprir, fomos robustecidos, na Confirmação, com a força do Espírito Santo. Se não formos mensageiros da salvação, não nos devemos sentir com direito a participar dos bens do Evangelho.

**Evangelho de Nosso Senhor Jesus Cristo Segundo São Marcos 1,29-39** S. Marcos descreve-nos um dia de trabalho de Jesus, dando-nos a conhecer o seu programa de vida apostólica. A evangelização preenche, na maior parte, a actividade de Jesus. No entanto, Ele não fica apenas nas sinagogas, mas desce ao meio dos homens, penetrando no mundo do pecado e da dor. E a Sua acção evangelizadora é acompanhada de gestos concretos e eficazes de libertação, pelos quais supera o mal. Mas como, perante as manifestações deste Seu poder messiânico, que parece ilimitado, há quem alimente falsas esperanças messiânicas, Jesus foge a este perigo e retira-Se para a solidão. A sua oração é a expressão da Sua inteira fidelidade ao Pai.

### Minha Vida Tem Sentido

Minha vida tem sentido cada vez que eu venho aqui  
E Te faço o meu pedido de não me esquecer de Ti.  
Meu amor é como este pão, que era trigo que alguém plantou,  
Depois colheu e depois tornou-se salvação e deu mais vida e alimentou o povo meu.

**Eu Te ofereço este pão; Eu Te ofereço o meu amor! (bis)**

Minha vida tem sentido cada vez que eu venho aqui  
E Te faço o meu pedido de não me es-

### Povo Teu Somos, Ó Senhor

**Povo teu somos ó Senhor,  
Pois Tu nos libertastes,  
Pela palavra e pelo amor  
Com que nos resgatastes!**

És maravilha sem igual:  
Um Deus ao homem dado,  
Numa partilha fraternal  
Vivendo lado a lado!

Tu vens Senhor pra reunir  
Os homens num só povo,  
Que vão contigo construir  
Novos Céus: mundo novo

### **Quem Comer Deste Pão**

**Quem comer deste Pão  
E beber deste Vinho  
Viverá para sempre.**

Disse Jesus: Eu sou o Pão vivo,  
Que desceu do Céu para a vida do  
mundo.

A Minha carne é verdadeira  
comida,  
E o Meu Sangue é verdadeira beb-  
ida.

Quem come a Minha carne e bebe  
o Meu sangue,  
Permanece em Mim e Eu nele.

### **Donativos da Semana Passada**

*Oferta Dominical...\$3,739.00*

**Ofertas para a Manutenção e Restauração da Igreja**  
\$50.00 / \$100.00 / \$210.00 / \$240.00 / \$500.00

**Todas as ofertas para a ajuda das obras são bem  
agradecidas. Obrigado pela vossa generosidade.**

### **Recibos de Income Tax**

No final do próximo mês  
vamos mandar pelo correio os  
recibos para efeitos de income  
tax.

### **Envelopes para 2018**

Se ainda não levantou a sua  
caixa de envelopes para  
2018, agradecemos que o  
fizesse. Se preferir le-  
vantar a caixa durante a  
semana, pode passar no es-  
critório.

A todos que vão usar enve-  
lopes pela primeira vez,

### **O Senhor me Chamou a Tra- balhar**

**Vai trabalhar pelo mundo  
fora**

**Eu estarei até ao fim contigo;  
Está na hora o Senhor me  
chamou:  
Senhor, aqui estou.**

O Senhor me chamou a tra-  
balhar,

A messe é grande a ceifar;  
A ceifar o Senhor me chamou:  
Senhor, aqui estou.

### **Intenções das Missas para esta Semana Sábado dia 3 de Fevereiro**

**9:00 am.**

**5:00 pm.** Luciano e Rosa Borges, pais e irmãos—Zélia Pacheco e pais

**6:30 pm.** Acção de graças a Santa Rita—Nuno Pereira—  
Padre Tomás Bettencourt Cardoso

### **Domingo dia 4 de Fevereiro**

**8:30 am.** António Faria e Julie Pires

**10:00 am.** Comunidade—Cristina Amaral—António Cos-  
ta—Avós de Manuel de Sousa e familiares de Maria Al-  
ice—Modesta Grova

**11:30 am.**

### **Segunda-Feira dia 5 de Fevereiro**

**9:00 am.** Estrela e José Penacho

**6:30 pm.** Almas do purgatório

### **Terça-Feira dia 6 de Fevereiro**

**9:00 am.** António Cordeiro e família

**6:30 pm.** Almas do purgatório

### **Quarta-Feira dia 7 de Fevereiro**

**9:00 am.** Mario Gomes Ferreira, intenções familiares,  
conversão dos pecadores, união da igreja

**6:30 pm.** Maria Oliveira

### **Quinta-Feira dia 8 de Fevereiro**

**9:00 am.** Albertino e Eduino Soares

**6:30 pm.** José Manuel Oliveira Correia

### **Sexta-Feira dia 9 de Fevereiro**

**9:00 am.** João Pereira e pais

**6:30 pm.** Manuel e Maria Couto e familiares

### **Sábado dia 10 de Fevereiro**

**9:00 am.**

**5:00 pm.** Glenn Riddle

**6:30 pm.** Miguel Medeiros—Maria da Conceição e José  
Senra—Florência Quitalo e família