



ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE



February 2022

Month of The Passion of Our Lord

HAPPY VALENTINES' DAY!!

Saint Valentine: Sonia Vilar

Celebrated annually on February 14th, the Feast of Saint Valentine originated as a Christian feast honoring early martyrs named St Valentine. According to an early tale, St Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his jailer. An 18th century embellishment to the legend claims he wrote the jailers daughter a letter signed, "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution.

Once a folk tradition, it has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world. St Valentine also performed weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry.

Enjoy this special day with your loved ones.

God Bless,

Sonia

MONTHLY UPDATE

Treasurer's Report: Janet Linton

January Opening Balance	\$1114.84
Receipts	\$ 25.00 (Dues received)
Disbursements	\$ 362.40 (Bank fee \$2.50, CWL Fees for 16 members)
January Closing Balance	<u>\$ 777.44</u>

NOTE: Dianne has received dues for 4 people to be deposited

WE NEED YOU!

Position Open: We are currently accepting applications for the position of **Spiritual Development**

The successful candidate will be dedicated to »

- (a) spiritual growth of members
- (b) study of Catholic teachings
- (c) role of women in the church
- (d) evangelization and mission assistance
- (e) lay ministries
- (f) ecumenism and interfaith endeavours

Membership: Dianne Corrin-Kiziak

We now have 59% of our 2022 membership dues paid. Thank you!

If you haven't been able to send your remittance of \$25 for your 2022 dues, we'd appreciate receiving it as soon as you can as it was due January 1, 2022.



February is honored as the month of *the Passion of Our Lord.*

This is fitting because this is when Lent begins. Lent is a period set aside to specifically commemorate Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. Ash Wednesday kicks it off through fasting and repentance. Penitents are blessed with ashes and reflect on conversion that they need in their life. They promise amendment and focus on one thing to change, and for forty days they practice that change. It takes about thirty days to break a bad habit, so this structured forty days helps it to become a permanent change.

Now the Church hasn't arranged the season of Lent to force a sinner to repent, or for gruesome reflections on Christ's Passion, rather it is offered because of the love relationship between Christ and His members. If you know you are hurting your spouse/lover, you'd want to stop, right? Also, it is appropriate to reflect on and be grateful for the sacrifices that your lover made/makes for you. The Church sees Lent as an opportunity for her members to be better lovers to Our Lord.

Why join the CWL?

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is many things to many people:

- A sisterhood of support and understanding
- A way to act on important social justice issues
- An opportunity to be of service to your community, to the country and to God
- A chance to live your faith with those who share it

CWL Ongoing Food Drive

Please remember those less fortunate in your weekly shopping. Please place items in the collections box in the parish Narthex if you are able.



Video Recommendations

Sister Breige McKenna - Miracles Do Happen

“Focus on The Immaculate Heart”

<https://youtu.be/AY4v0mrSBYg>

Grant unto us, Lord Jesus, ever to follow the example of Thy holy Family, that in the hour of our death Thy glorious Virgin Mother together with blessed Joseph may come to meet us and we may be worthily received by Thee into everlasting dwellings: who livest and reignest world without end.

Amen.