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A Few Thoughts on Valentine's Day



St-Valentine Kneeling In Supplication

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It's [Valentine's Day](#) today, named after a Roman era Christian, [St. Valentine](#). So if any of you guys haven't bought your significant other flowers or another token of affection, go do it now. Believe me, she will appreciate it, and if you forget, she will remember that you forgot.

There are lot's of stories around Valentines Day, some of them designed to entertain and others to divert your attention from the fact that it was once a serious Christian festival. The claim that the Christian Church took over a previous pagan festival may be true, in part, but St. Valentine is not only the Patron Saint of lovers but was also one of the [many people who were put to death by the Romans](#) for professing their Christian faith.

The ultimate truth of stories like St. Valentine is that some things are worth dying for. First, get past the cute stories about Valentine's Day, past the [Hallmark romances](#), past the rampant commercialization, the flowers and the chocolate salesmen. Then, remember that there was once was a man who ministered to his fellow Christians and who paid for this service with his life.

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