

Happy Valentine's Day!!

Who was Saint Valentine?

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People are always telling each other to have a happy valentines day around this time, but do you know the true origin of Valentines

Saint Valentine is usually referred to as a roman priest that was martyred, or died for what he believed, by beheading. His feast day was almost like a pagan love festival, so Valentine

became known as a patron of lovers. His feast day was held on Febuary 14 . Because of his image, a custom of sending love notes on this date developed. Some historians also say that this tradition started to mark the beginning of the mating season for birds. These notes are now called valentines , after the Saint. His feast was dropped from the liturgical calendar in 1969, but we still celebrate with love letters, candy, and flowers on the anniversary of Saint Valentines feast on February 14.



Valentineless on Valentine's?

by Cee Sidler

Here are the 10 Best reasons to be boyfriendless on Valentine's Day...

1. You don't have to worry about working off the fat from the chocolate you won't be getting.
2. You don't have to worry about finding a vase for the dozen red roses you won't be getting.
3. You don't have to worry about remembering to make reservations at the fancy restaurant you won't be eating at.
4. You won't have to worry about shaving your legs on February 14th...or ever.
5. No last minute trips to the mall to get your special someone a special something.
6. Now you're free to spend that extra quality time with your dad or dog. (In the absence of a dog or dad, try a stuffed animal)
7. Don't worry about freezing at night with the window open, wait for the moonlight serenade that won't be sung.
8. Don't worry about keeping the phone lines open for the last minute phone call that isn't coming.
9. Forget listening to the radio, the dedications aren't for you.
10. You'll have all the time to clean the cobwebs off the mailbox because you won't be getting any love letters.

Some of the worst pick up lines we've ever heard

1. "IF I COULD CHANGE THE ALPHABET I WOULD PUT U AND I TOGETHER."
2. "YOUR LEGS MUST BE TIRED BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN RUNNIN THROUGH MY MIND ALL DAY."
3. "YOUR FATHER MUST HAVE BEEN A THEIF BECAUSE HE STOLE ALL THE STARS FROM THE SKY AND PUT THEM IN YOUR EYES."
4. "YOUR SMILE IS SO BIG I CAN SEE ALL YOUR TEETH."
5. "MY FRIENDS BET ME THAT I COULDN'T DANCE WITH THE PRETTIEST GIRL IN THE PLACE, SO WOULD YOU LIKE TO DANCE?"
6. "YOUR HAIR IS THE COLOR OF THE FIRE IN MY HEART." (JUST FOR REDHEADS)
7. "YOU MUST BE AN ANGEL, BECAUSE I SAW YOU GLOWING FROM ACROSS THE ROOM."
8. "IF YOU WERE IN A ROMANTIC MOVIE, I'D WANT TO BE YOUR CO-STAR."
9. "YOUR SO BEAUTIFUL! YOU MUST BE CINDY CRAWFORD'S LITTLE SISTER."

Valentine Suggestions

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For those of you that will be without your loved one on Valentine's Day, here are some fantastic suggestions of what to do:

Read love poems: I especially recommend the works of W.B. Yeats and the sonnets by William Shakespeare. The bookstore or library may also have some good ideas.

Read romance novels: Maybe The Bridges of Madison County by Robert James Waller will strike your fancy. Or perhaps, Harliquin sagas are more your style. If so, pick up one free from the bookshelf outside of Ragland

Auditorium. P.S. Skip straight to the good parts!

Rent a sappy movie: "When Man Loves a Woman" is a great choice. Or, if your prefer, "Sea Love", for those still suffering from a painful break up.

If all else fails, watch television: There is bound to be a good sitcom or two on. And look on the bright side, NHL hockey is back on since the strike ended!

Above all else, eat a pint of icecream!: May I suggest Ben & Jerry's Chocolate Chip Cookies Dough. From a local vendor, Doug's Icecream of Hillsborough Street has fabulous Mint Cookies and Cuppocino to choose from.

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