

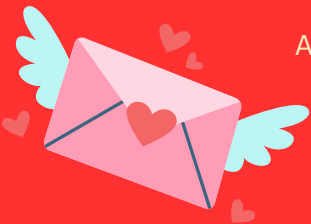
# FOURTH DAY LIFE



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE ANNUAL MEETING.

We want to welcome Toni Joyce, Ray Gage, C.J. Abraham, and Cindy Curtis to the Secretariat team!

- Lay Director: Lori Brown
- Assistant Lay Director: Toni Joyce
- Spiritual Director: Pastor Tom
- Treasurer: Paul Cassity
- Secretary: Sandy Holm
- Pre-Weekend: Cindy Curtis
- Three Day: Emmet Sweat
- Post-Weekend: Ray Gage
- Palanca: Janette Carollo
- Communications: Leslie McCourt
- Community Chairs: C.J. Abraham, Misty Hartley



## VERSE OF THE MONTH

We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

JOKE OF THE MONTH  
Why are artichokes so beloved?

-Because they are known for their heart



*A Valentine  
From God*

For God so loVed the world,  
That He gAve  
his onLy  
BegottEn  
SoN  
That whosoever  
Believeth Tn Him  
Should Not perish,  
But have Everlasting life.  
John 3:16

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ENJOY THE  
*boundless measure*  
OF GOD'S  
*perfect love*  
FOR YOU.

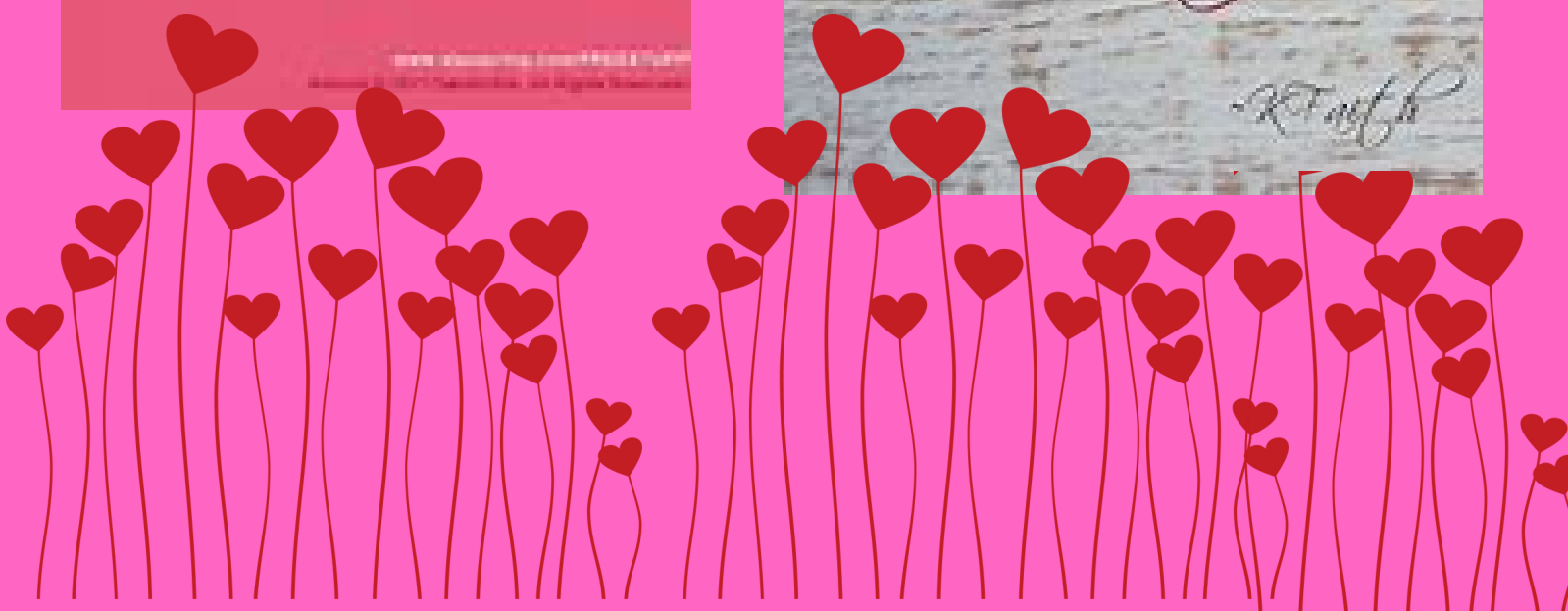
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GOD IS MY  
*Valentine*

*Ruth*



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## Via de Cristo

MAKE A FRIEND.  
BE A FRIEND.  
BRING THAT  
FRIEND TO  
CHRIST

### Love in a Salsa Jar

By Cynthia Dobbs from Stillwater, Oklahoma

"Happy Valentine's Day, honey," my husband said, handing me a simple glass jar with a red lid.

"I see you've recycled the salsa jar, Destry." I grinned eagerly, excited to see what he'd come up with this time.

A few years earlier we'd decided that for Valentine's Day, we would only exchange gifts we had made ourselves. No stuffed animals, no candy and definitely nothing heart-shaped unless it was cut out of construction paper with our own scissors. The gifts that we gave each other were so much more thoughtful. I'd made him oil paintings and recreated dishes we'd had at some of our favorite date restaurants. Destry had once planted new flowers in the garden, and he'd hand-painted vases with my name. And now this old salsa jar full of paper. I unscrewed the top and peered inside.

"You read one a day," Destry said as I pulled out a slip of paper.

"Do you remember the Cheyenne Diner?" I read aloud. I almost laughed. How could I forget?

It was our favorite diner in New York City. We'd fallen in love over plates of fries, midnight breakfasts and slices of pie bigger than my head. I reached in for another note.

"Do you remember the boy's green donut?" The green donut had been a plush toy our son had loved to chew on when he was a baby. We'd been thrilled when he finally gave it up.

I pulled out another note. Then another. And another, until I had gone through them all. Every one had just a single line: "Do you remember...?" By the time I'd finished, there were tears in my eyes.

"Thank you," I said, pulling my husband into a hug. It was a Valentine that kept on giving. Whenever I needed an extra dose of love, I popped into that salsa jar for a shared memory.

### A Valentine's day prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for You  
and asked the Lord above  
to fill your heart and bless your  
soul

with the precious gift of love.  
I asked Him for sincere love  
the kind that's meant to stay  
just like the generous love  
You give to those You touch  
each day.

I prayed for love from family  
and from every cherished  
friend

then I asked the Lord to give  
you

His love that knows no end.



### Prayers of the Month



Any prayer concerns can be  
sent to

[soazviadecristo@gmail.com](mailto:soazviadecristo@gmail.com).

You can list them as  
anonymous or you can say  
who they are for or from.  
Let's also continue to pray  
for everyone. We can all use  
each other's prayers. Pray  
for friends, strangers you  
haven't met yet and even  
those you will never meet.