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# LOVE FOR NEIGHBOR

“PUTTING OTHERS BEFORE  
OURSELVES.”



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### DEFINITION

The virtue of Love for Neighbor, or Charity, is a divinely infused virtue, that gives us the strength to love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.

As Jesus said, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

### HOW TO STRENGTHEN

Prayer: Asking our Lord for the strength to see the good in our neighbor so we can love them more readily.

The Sacraments

Living the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.



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## CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

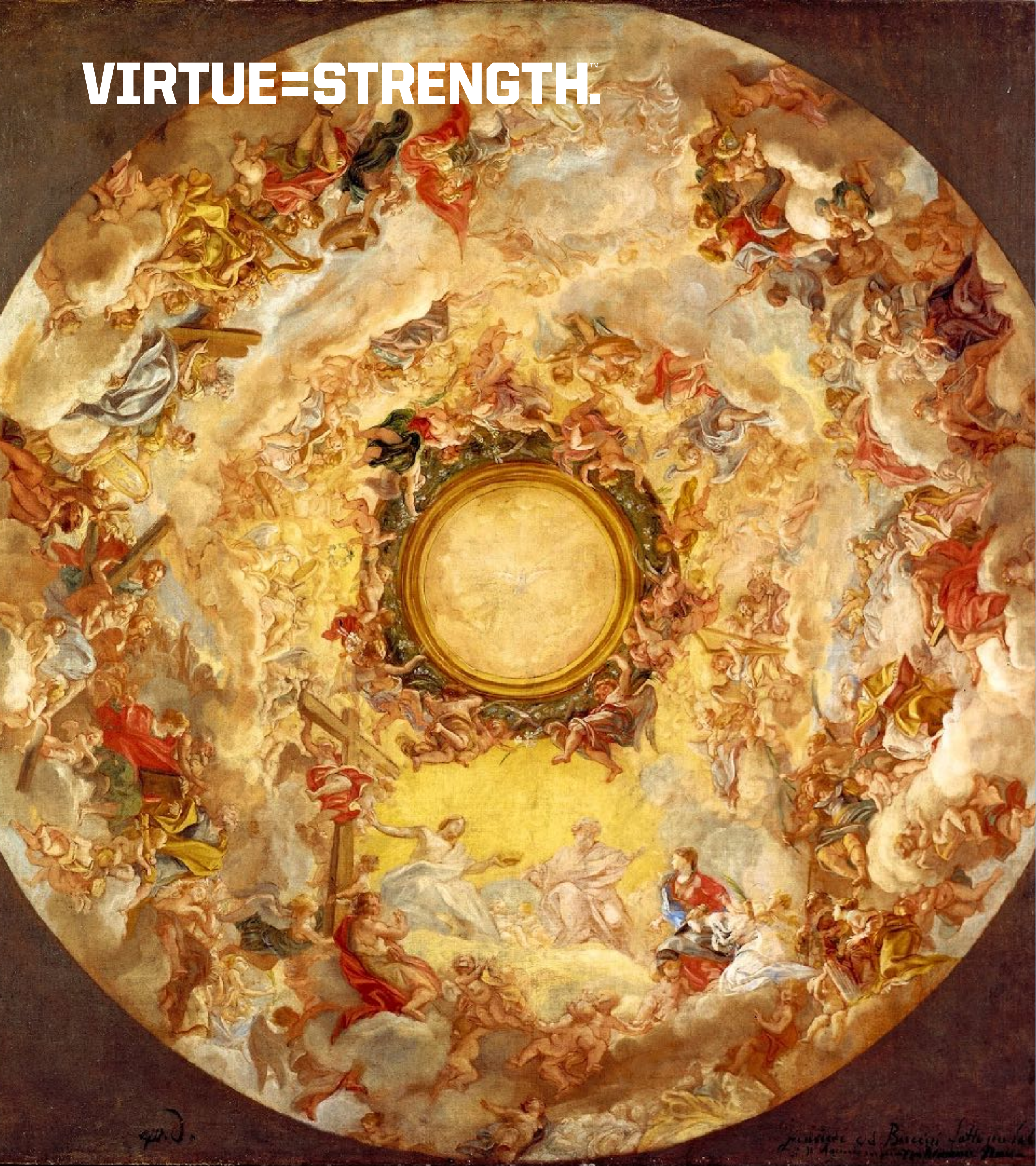
Feed the hungry  
Give drink to the thirsty  
Clothe the naked  
Visit the imprisoned  
Shelter the homeless  
Visit the sick  
Bury the dead

## SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

Admonish the sinner  
Instruct the ignorant  
Counsel the doubtful  
Comfort the sorrowful  
Bear wrongs patiently  
Forgive all injuries  
Pray for the living and the dead



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**OUR PURPOSE**

God created us to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in **HEAVEN** in the next.

The virtue of LOVE FOR NEIGHBOR is a necessary strength which will help us achieve that **GOAL**.



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## RESOLUTION

Pour the rest of your family  
a drink at mealtimes.

## FAMILY RESOLUTION

Make a special effort to do  
something charitable for a  
neighbor together as a  
family.

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SAINTS ALIVE PODCAST

ST. VALENTINE

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A radio theater podcast that tells the stories of the saints.

"So faith, hope and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

-1 Corinthians 13:13

Little beyond legend is known of the patron of the greatest theological virtues: love. Saint Valentine has a secular "Hallmark" holiday in his honor, but in today's inspirational episode, his life as a Roman of heroic devotion is given depth and meaning. It is no stretch to claim that family as it was ordained by God is threatened at every turn in our modern culture. Listen to hear how Saint Valentine challenged a great threat to the love and strength of the family so very long ago. This Valentine's Day, embark with us into the history of the catacombs, squirm under the accusations of an evil emperor, and witness the painful beauty of sacrificial love!





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*“I see in my neighbor the  
Person of Jesus Christ.”*

*- St. Gerard Majella*



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*“Let us practice many acts of kindness and gentle charity toward those we like the least.”*

*- St. Francis de Sales*







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# MALICE

The weakness to intentionally harm others or do evil.



## MALICE IS HORRIFYING

Malice is one of the ugliest, most horrifying vices that exist.

It is the epitome of WEAKNESS.

- Wanting to hurt others.
- Tripping others intentionally to hurt or embarrass them.
- Lying about others to intentionally ruin their reputation or to make others think poorly of them.

Let us beg God for the grace to never fall into this horrifying vice.

And we always remember that the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful gift and blessing that God offers us to ask forgiveness for all of our sins and begin again.

***“I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.”***

Luke 15: 7



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### MONTHLY NOVENA

FEBRUARY 5-13

**Monthly Intention:** Let us pray that we may grow in the virtue of love for neighbor especially within our families.

#### ST. VALENTINE NOVENA

O glorious advocate and protector, Saint Valentine, look with pity upon our wants, hear our requests, attend to our prayers, relieve by your intercession the miseries under which we labor, and obtain for us the Divine blessing, that we may be found worthy to join thee in praising the Almighty for all eternity; through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Mention your request).

Pray, then, O holy Martyr, for the faithful, who are so persevering in celebrating thy memory. The day of Judgment will reveal to us all thy glorious merits. Oh! intercede for us, that we may then be made thy companions at the right hand of the Great Judge, and be united with thee eternally in heaven.

Saint Valentine, advocate and protector, pray for us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



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**24**  
**hours**

FEBRUARY CEREMONY

## 24 HOURS WITHOUT SCREENS

We can use this experience to practice the virtue of Love for Neighbor and spend more **intentional time talking and focusing on our friends and family members** without looking at screens.

Possibly do after Ash Wednesday and include as part of a Lenten Sacrifice-Fast.

Strive to go 24 hours without using a TV, cellphone (except to talk for necessary moments), iPads, laptops, screens or smart boards in classrooms ...

At home and in school ...

The next day, have teachers and students share what they learned from the experience.





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