

He LOVES *me*; he *loves* me NOT.
 She *loves* ME; she LOVES me *not*.
 Will HE *finally* LOVE me *IF*...

"If only I got better grades, maybe Mom would love me." "Dad would love me if I were better at sports." "I would have more friends if I worked out more." "If I had a better car, or more money, maybe someone would love me."



"Unlike our friends in the world, he will never abandon us when we are troubled or distressed."

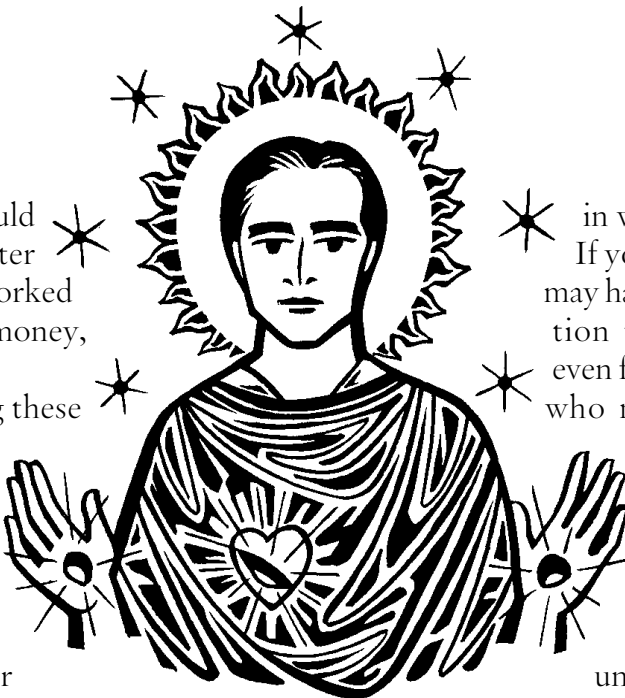
-St. Teresa of Avila

Have you ever thought along these lines? If you have, you've probably learned that conditional love isn't worth much. By now, you've no doubt learned that the best kind of love is when people love you for who you really are.

Especially for gay men and lesbians, the world seems to hold a lot of conditional love. The biggest "if" often boils down to a question of sexual orientation: "If you were straight, we would love you." Some even claim that God makes this a condition of his love.

But the Catholic tradition holds that God's love does not come with strings attached. Yes, he wishes for us to be the best we can, to avoid the wrong and do what is right, but he loves us equally whether we succeed or fail.

God cannot hate. God knows you from all eternity; he calls you by name, as you are. And he loves you. The greatest saints of the Church are sinners who discovered the richness of God's love for them just as they are, and are inspired to return that love



God is love.

in whatever way they can. If you grew up Catholic, you may have experienced the rejection that is conditional love even from relatives and clergy who made you feel unwelcome in the Church of your ancestors. If you can put that hurtful experience behind you, we invite you to discover the power of unconditional love by trying St. Victor's, a parish where you're welcome just as you are.



"I realized that love sets off the bounds of all vocations, that love is everything, that this same love embraces every time and every place. My call is love."

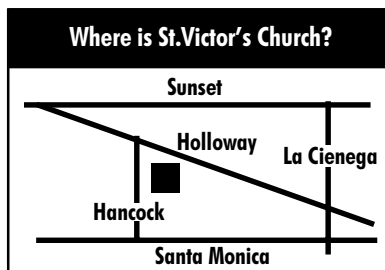
-St. Theresia of Lisieux

At St. Victor's, we can't make the past go away. We can't erase the pain many gay and lesbian people have suffered at the hands of people who should know better. But we can provide a safe place for the community to heal and grow in the light of eternal love, to reclaim your right to membership in the People of God. After all, this is your birthright by baptism.



"Love is itself the goal; that is why we run: we run toward it, and once we reach it, in it we shall find rest." -St. Augustine

You are welcome at St. Victor's, where we know that no one can attach any strings to the unconditional love of God.



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