



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

The K of C meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All Knights in good standing (current dues paid) are encouraged to attend.

Next meeting will be September 16, 2021, 7PM-MASKS ARE OPTIONAL AT MEETINGS.



Ben Norton, Greg Woydziak, Denzil Robbins, Mark Delong, Father Suresh, Damien Yervasi, Bryan Collard, Wayne Olmstead, Paul Hoelscher, Jim Colton, and Blake Marlia

UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS

August 23rd: No Morning Mass

August 24th: No Morning Mass

August 24th: Evening Mass at 6:00pm in Day Chapel

September 1st: Adoration 8-9am followed by morning Mass.



St. Monica (c.332-387)

Patron Saint of Mothers

Saint Monica was an early African Christian saint and the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo. She is remembered and honored in the Catholic Church for her outstanding Christian virtues, particularly the suffering caused by her husband's adultery, and her prayerful life dedicated to the reformation of her son, who wrote extensively of her pious acts and life with her in his *Confessions*. Popular Christian legends recall Saint Monica weeping every night for her son, Augustine.

Monica and her son spent six peaceful months at *Rus Cassiacum* (present day Cassago Brianza) after which Augustine was baptized in the Church of St. John the Baptist at Milan. Monica and Augustine left for Africa and they set out on their journey, stopping at Civitavecchia and at Ostia. Here Monica died, and Augustine's grief inspired his *Confessions*.

Saint Monica was buried at Ostia, but her tomb was later transferred to the Basilica of Sant'Agostino, Rome.

The city of Santa Monica, CA, is named after Monica. A legend states that in the 18th century, Father Juan Crespi named a local dripping spring *Las Lagrimas de Santa Monica* ("Saint Monica's Tears") known today as the Serra Springs, that was reminiscent of the tears that Saint Monica shed over son's early impiety.

(Courtesy of Wikipedia)

ST. AUGUSTINE

From Sinful Pagan to Doctor of the Church



St. Augustine of Hippo, was born in the Roman province of Numidia, in northern Africa, in 345A.D. to a pagan father and a Christian mother, St. Monica. His early education was that of a young pagan gentleman, but he went on to become one of the most influential and genius Doctors of the Church.

St. Augustine's infamous life of impurity and practice of the heretical Manichaeism reveal the magnitude of his conversion to Christianity, mainly through the intercession of his mother, St. Monica. St. Augustine finally began to pull away from his pagan ways and was eventually baptized in 387 by St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, who became a great counselor and friend to his mother as she prayed for her son.

St. Augustine went on to become the Bishop of Hippo (in modern day Algeria) and one of the greatest Catholic Christian writers and thinkers in the history of the Church. His most well-known works are his *Confessions* and *The City of God*. His feast is celebrated in the Church on August 28th, the day after that of his holy mother, St. Monica. It is entirely fitting that their feasts are side-by-side on the liturgical calendar, given that Monica won her son's deep conversion to Christ through her many years of patient and persistent prayer. St. Augustine is a perfect example of how God works miracles in our lives, often through the intercession of other people. Once Augustine cried out to God, "Too late have I loved you!" in sorrow over the many years he lived a dissolute life while putting off the call of God.

It's never too late to commit ourselves to conversion and service to our Lord! St. Augustine, pray for us.

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