

## St. Augustine



**354-430**

**Feast Day:**  
August 28

Augustine was born on the northern coast of Africa. His mother was St. Monica. She spent her life sharing Jesus with her family.

Augustine was very bright. His parents sent him to the best schools. He read great books. He became a popular speaker and teacher.

But Augustine was living a wicked life. His mother and the Bishop of Milan, St. Ambrose, kept trying to help Augustine see that God's mercy had no limits. Finally Augustine was converted to Christianity. He became a priest. Later he was made Bishop of Hippo.

Augustine became one of the most important Christian writers ever. He wrote about how all of us want to be with God. He wrote about love. He said the Church should always show mercy. He wrote about how we need God's grace.

During Augustine's life, the city of Rome was destroyed. Many people were scared. But Augustine helped people see that Christians' true home was Heaven.

Augustine died when he was 75. He wrote hundreds of sermons and many important books. He gave hope to countless people. He is a Doctor of the Church. This is a very special title that means his writings helped form Catholic doctrine.

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