

August 27, 2021

Good Morning All,

1. Today's Readings: [Memorial of Saint Monica | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: St. Monica is a favorite saint of many, especially of parents whose children have left the Faith. We will celebrate her son, Augustine, tomorrow. St. Monica is the patron saint of wives, difficult marriages, widows, mothers, disappointing or wayward children, and victims of adultery and abuse.

The attached video link from Fr. Chris Alar discusses both St. Monica and St. Augustine. Skip the ads to start the video. Video is approximately 10 minutes. [Do You have a Fallen-Away Loved One? Turn to the Example of a Sinful and Scandalous Saint! - YouTube](#)

3. Quotes of the Day:

~ "Every saint, man or woman, had a mother. And when you read the lives of the saints, you find that in most cases these mothers were the first spark of the saint's vocation. Today we celebrate the feast of the most famous mother of a saint, St. Monica. She was the mother of St. Augustine." *Most Reverend José H. Gomez*

~ After the return of her son Augustine to the church..."Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." *St. Monica*

~ *From Confessions St. Augustine quoting his Mother* "Bury my body wherever you will; let not care of it cause you any concern, one thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be."

St. Monica, Pray for Us!

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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Biography of St. Monica



St. Monica was born in the year 322 in Tagaste, a town in Northern Africa. Although her parents were Christians, they decided to marry her to a pagan official, Patritius.

When Monica entered Patritius' household, she had to contend with not only a husband who was both immoral and unfaithful, but a household full of servants who disrespected her and made rude comments behind her back. These comments, in turn, aided in influencing her mother in law, who lived with her, against her. Through the years of emotional abuse, Monica never complained and even urged other women to respect their husbands. Because of her meek nature and submission to her husband, Monica was never physically abused by her husband in a time where women who had husbands more gentle in character were regularly seen with marks on their faces from being struck.

Over the course of her marriage, Monica bore her husband two sons (Augustine and Navigius) and a daughter (Perpetua). Although she was not allowed to baptize her children, she prayed for her household frequently. Through her prayers, her husband was eventually converted to Christianity a year before his death, and thereafter constrained himself from adultery.

Monica's son Augustine, later to be known as St. Augustine, led a life focused on pleasure and worldly things in his early years. Though Monica despaired of his ever being brought into Christ, she consistently prayed and wept for him, and he, too, was brought into Christ and baptized. In fact, most of what is known of Monica is from Augustine's Confessions, in book nine.

Mother and son were able to share about six months of peaceful times before Monica passed away in the city of Ostia in the year 387. She was fifty six.

St. Monica is celebrated on the twenty seventh of August in the Catholic Church and on fourth of May in the Orthodox Church. She is often considered the patron saint of mothers whose children have gone astray, and housewives.

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