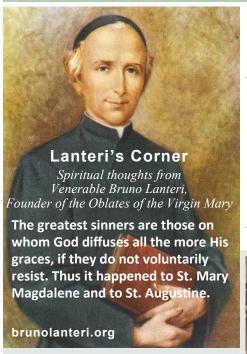


Saints Augustine and Monica, Ary Scheffer



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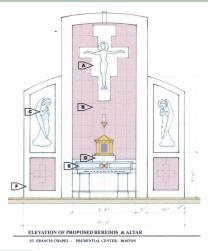
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CHOOSE LIFE

"Sweeter even than to have had the joy of caring for children of my own has it been to me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so their unborn little ones could not be killed away from them."

 Susan B. Anthony (1889), abolitionist and early leader of the women's suffrage movement



CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: Sat. Vigil 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM en español; Sunday 8:00 AM. 9:15 AM. 10:30 AM, 11:45 AM, 1:15 PM en español; 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM

Weekday Masses: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM, 4:45 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM, 12 PM

Confessions:

Mon. - Fri. 11:15 -11:50 AM, 12:45 - 4:15 PM; Saturday 9:45 - 11:45 AM, 12:45 - 3:30 PM

Devotions: Tuesday after Mass: Memorare, 5:30 p.m. Vespers; Thursday after Mass: St. Jude: Monday -Friday after 4:45 p.m. Mass: Rosary

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon. - Fri. 8:30-11:45 AM, 1:00-4:30 PM; Saturday 9:30 - 11:30 AM, 12:30 - 3:30 PM; Sunday 2:30-3:30 PM

Gift Shop Hours: Monday — Friday 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM; Sat. 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*; Sun. 8:45 AM - 5:30 PM* (*Closed during Sunday and Saturday Vigil Masses)

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Pope Benedict the XVI on Saints Monica and Augustine

Today, 27 August, we commemorate St Monica and tomorrow we will be commemorating St Augustine, her son: their witnesses can be of great comfort and help to so many families also in our time.

Monica, who was born into a Christian family at Tagaste, today Souk-Aharàs in Algeria, lived her mission as a wife and mother in an exemplary way, helping her husband Patricius to discover the beauty of faith in Christ and the power of evangelical love, which can overcome evil with good.

After his premature death, Monica courageously devoted herself to caring for her three children, including Augustine, who initially caused her suffering with his somewhat rebellious temperament. As Augustine himself was to say, his mother gave birth to him twice; the second time required a lengthy spiritual travail of prayers and tears, but it was crowned at last with the joy of seeing him not only embrace the faith and receive Baptism, but also dedicate himself without reserve to the service of Christ.

How many difficulties there are also today in family relations and how many mothers are in anguish at seeing their children setting out on wrong paths! Monica, a woman whose faith was wise and sound, invites them not to lose heart but to persevere in their mission as wives and mothers, keeping firm their trust in God and clinging with perseverance to prayer.

As for Augustine, his whole life was a passionate search for the truth. In the end, not without a long inner torment, he found in Christ the ultimate and full meaning of his own life and of the whole of human history. In adolescence, attracted by earthly beauty, he "flung himself" upon it - as he himself confides (cf. *Confessions*, 10, 27-38) - with selfish and possessive behavior that caused his pious mother great pain.

But through a toilsome journey and thanks also to her prayers, Augustine became always more open to the fullness of truth and love until his conversion, which happened in Milan under the guidance of the Bishop, St Ambrose.

He thus remained the model of the journey towards God, supreme Truth and supreme Good. "Late have I loved you", he wrote in the famous book of the *Confessions*, "beauty, ever ancient and ever new, late have I loved you. You were within me and I was outside of you, and it was there that I sought you.... You were with me and I was not with you.... You called, you cried out, you pierced my deafness. You shone, you struck me down, and you healed my blindness" (*ibid*.).

May St Augustine obtain the gift of a sincere and profound encounter with Christ for all those young people who, thirsting for happiness, are seeking it on the wrong paths and getting lost in blind alleys.

St Monica and St Augustine invite us to turn confidently to Mary, Seat of Wisdom. Let us entrust Christian parents to her so that, like Monica, they may accompany their children's progress with their own example and prayers. Let us commend youth to the Virgin Mother of God so that, like Augustine, they may always strive for the fullness of Truth and Love which is Christ: he alone can satisfy the deepest desires of the human heart.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 25

8:00 AM + Katherine "Kitty" Lysiak

9:15 AM Farrel Family

10:30 AM + Alejandro Pancheco

11:45 AM Regan Family

1:15 PM (esp) + Adreina Cuevas

4:00 PM John Valleli — health

5:30 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory

Monday, August 26

8:00 AM + Simon Dang Van Thuy & + Phero Dang

Van Horan

12:05 PM + Edward G. Picardi, Jr.

4:45 PM Hendricks Delva — birthday

Tuesday, August 27

8:00 AM Richard and Carol McCulloch — health and wellbeing

12:05 PM Ana Anayron's Family — healing and

thanksgiving

4:45 PM +Mr. & +Mrs. Defillipo

Wednesday, August 28

8:00 AM Fortunata Huaman in honor of the Divine

Child

12:05 PM + Su Zhang Chen 4:45 PM Ana Anayron — good health

Thursday, August 29

8:00 AM + Sheila Feitelberg — birthday

12:05 PM Alba Osuna — special intention

4:45 PM Ana Anayron — good health

Friday, August 30

8:00 AM Adam & Jennifer Kruekeberg — wedding anniversary

12:05 PM Peter McGann — birthday **4:45 PM** + Prima Guial

Saturday, August 31

9:00 AM + George Salvatore

12:00 PM Ana Anayron — good health

4:00 PM Francie Cunniffe

5:30 PM Ayala Parrilla Family

7:00 PM (esp) + Consuelo Torres de Bustamante —

sexto mes

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

August 27: St. Monica

August 28: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor and of

the Church

August 29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA



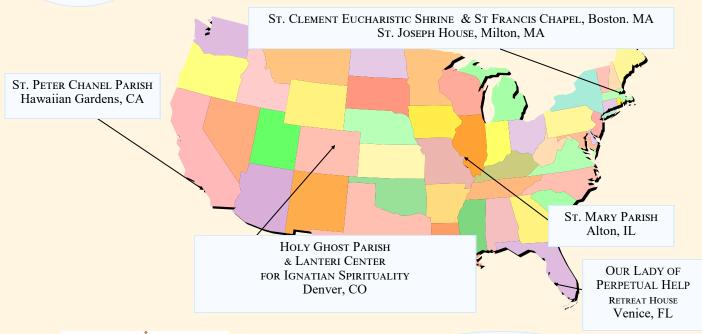
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The OMV motto,

"MARIAM COGITA,
MARIAM INVOCA"

"THINK OF MARY,
CALL ON MARY"
is taken from a homily
by
St. Bernard.