

# St. Michael the Archangel

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Dear Parish Family,

A few days from now the church will celebrate a great saint - St. Monica. It's not Mother's Day but it seems like that because she was a great mother. She was the mother of St Augustine. Isn't it amazing? Mother and son are both saints!

But it was not like that all in the beginning. Those of you who have read their life story know that St. Augustine was not the saint we now know. His life was far from saintly and was a constant concern of his mother. She devoted her life in prayer for his conversion. Some legends even say that she wept every night for her son. She never gave up on her son that one day he would turn his life around and embrace God. Can you just imagine all the prayers and sacrifices she made for her son? A true mother indeed!

In his book Confessions, St. Augustine mentioned his mother many times and most especially her efforts and prayers to bring about his conversion. Because of his mother, St. Augustine is a Doctor of the Church and is considered one of the greatest minds in the Catholic Church. When she was dying, she told her son, "I don't care where you bury me. All I am asking is to pray for me every time you celebrate the Holy Eucharist."

I know Mother's Day is celebrated in the month of May, but we can certainly remember our own mother and once again thank her for the love, the care, the late nights she stayed up waiting, the support, the shoulder to cry on, the advice, the patience, the words of encouragement and so on!

Pray for her! Then thank God for giving us such loving and caring mothers!

Yours in Christ,

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