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Saint Augustine

Doctor of the Church, Confessor

"Too late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient and so new, too late have I loved you! You were with me, but I was not with you. You cried out and pierced my deafness. You enlightened my blindness. I tasted you and I am hungry for you. You touched me, and I am afire with longing for your embrace." --St. Augustine

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Rev. Assaad ElBasha, M.L.M., Pastor

**Deacon George Elandary
Mass Schedule**

Sunday	8:30 A.M. English	Altar Boys: Joseph Marincel	817-491-0763	Adoration: Sheila Hughes	817-430-3066
	11:00 A.M. Bilingual; English/Lebanese	Choir: 8:30 A.M. Helen Marincel	817-491-0763	Library: Sharon Wood	214-497-0783
Monday	No Mass	Choir: 11:00 A.M. Roula Vasquez	972-832-8507	Respect Life: Sheri Josefsberg	940-566-0585
Tuesday - Friday	9:00 A.M. English	RCIA: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763	Youth Ministry: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763
Saturday	5:30 P.M. English	Lectors: 8:30 AM Mark Caputo	469-230-1533	Religious Ed / SE: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763
Reconciliation	Saturday - 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.	Lectors: 11 AM Trevor Rask	503-701-2236	Ushers Robert Kramer	214-488-5635
Eucharistic Adoration	Sunday: 2:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M.	Parish Council Mouhib Helou	817-845-9953	Legion of Mary Rose Onoh	214-289-4300
	Monday - Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.				
	Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.				

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St. Augustine

Bishop of Hippo and Doctor of the Church Feast Day: August 28th

(354-430)

A Christian at 33, a priest at 36, a bishop at 41: Many people are familiar with the biographical sketch of Augustine of Hippo, sinner turned saint. But really to get to know the man is a rewarding experience.

There quickly surfaces the intensity with which he lived his life, whether his path led away from or toward God. The tears of his mother, the instructions of Ambrose and, most of all, God himself speaking to him in the Scriptures, redirected Augustine's love of life to a life of love.

Having been so deeply immersed in creature-pride of life in his early days and having drunk deeply of its bitter dregs, it is not surprising that Augustine should have turned, with a holy fierceness, against the many demon-thrusts rampant in his day. His times were truly decadent: politically, socially, morally. He was both feared and loved, like the Master. The perennial criticism leveled against him: a fundamental rigorism.

In his day, Augustine providentially fulfilled the office of prophet. Like Jeremiah and other greats, he was hard-pressed but could not keep quiet. "I say to myself, I will not mention him/I will speak in his name no more/But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart/imprisoned in my bones/I grow weary holding it in/I cannot endure it" (Jeremiah 20:9).

Augustine is still acclaimed and condemned in our day. He is a prophet for today, trumpeting the need to scrap escapisms and stand face-to-face with personal responsibility and dignity.

"Seek not to understand that you may believe, but believe that you may understand."

"Habit, if not resisted, soon becomes necessity."

Source: FranciscanMedia.Org

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 8/22: +Bill Amendola

Sunday, 8/23: +Edward & Mildred Krawczyk, +Steve & Lelia Zeringue

Tuesday, 8/25: Sr. Maria Bernadette, Anna Marincel, Michael Marincel, David & Rebecca Kumar, Duy Nguyen

Wednesday, 8/26: Teresa Marincel, Ky Huynh, Arthur Fountain

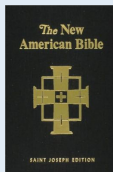
Thursday, 8/27: Michael Marincel, +Michael John O'Flaherty, Ma Soto-Tamayo

Friday, 8/28: Eva Padilla, +Eamonn Morris O'Flaherty, Gordon Johnson

+Repose of the Soul

Daily Scripture Readings August 23rd thru August 29th

Sunday, 8/23:	1Cor 3:1-11	Lk 8:1-15
Monday, 8/24:	1Jn 1:1-10	Lk 13:31-35
Tuesday, 8/25:	1Jn 2:1-11	Lk 14:1-6
Wednesday 8/26:	Rom 12:9-15	Lk 1:46-55
Thursday, 8/27:	1Jn 2:21-29	Lk 14:12-15
Friday, 8/28:	1Jn 3:1-10	Lk 14:16-24
Saturday, 8/29:	1Jn 3:11-22	Lk 14:25-35



Prayers by St. Augustine

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts
may all be holy.
Act in me O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.
Amen.

Lord Jesus, our Savior, let us come to you.
Our hearts are cold; Lord, warm them with your selfless love.
Our hearts are sinful; cleanse them with your precious blood.
Our hearts are weak; strengthen them with our joyous Spirit.
Our hearts are empty; fill them with your divine presence.
Lord Jesus, our hearts are yours; possess them always and
only for yourself.

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Requesting a Mass Intention at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

The practice of offering the holy Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased originates in the early church. The catechism teaches, "From the beginning the church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God." Therefore, just as we pray for each other and share each other's burdens now, the faithful on earth can offer prayers and sacrifices to help the departed souls undergoing purification, and no better prayer could be offered than that of the holy sacrifice of the Mass. **PLEASE schedule your Mass Intentions by contacting Sara in the Church Office (NOT Father because he does not have the datebook) at: 972-436-7617, or via email at LadyofL719@gmail.com**

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Thank you for your support of the House of the Lord!

Father Assaad was so happy to receive a letter from two boys in the parish who were so generous to give part of their birthday money to help the people in Lebanon:

Father Assaad, we want to share some of our birthday gift money with the people of Lebanon in this time of need.

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT LEBANON?

- 4 Languages are spoken in Lebanon: Arabic, French, English, and Armenian.
- Lebanon has 42 universities.
- The name Lebanon appears 75 times in the OT.
- The name Cedar also appears 75 times in the OT.
- Beirut has been destroyed and rebuilt 7 times.
- There are approximately 3.5 million Lebanese in Lebanon.
- There are approximately 14 million Lebanese outside Lebanon.
- Byblos, city in Lebanon, is the oldest city in the world that exists.
- The name of Lebanon has persisted for 4,000 years without changing.
- Lebanon has no deserts.
- There are 15 rivers in Lebanon and they all come from their own mountains.
- The first alphabet was created in Byblos.
- The Phoenicians in Lebanon were the first to build a ship.
- The world's first law school was built in Beirut.
- Lebanese cedars are said to have been planted by the hands of God.
- Today, Lebanon suffers from Covid, suffers from war, and from the explosion that devastated the city of Beirut.

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