





## SAINT MONICA AND SAINT AUGUSTINE AUGUST 27 AND 28.

Saint Monica was born into a middle-class Christian family in A.D. 333 in Thagaste, North Africa (present day Algeria.) As a young woman, she was given in marriage to an older pagan man named Patricius. He had an uncontrolled temper and mistreated Monica. Monica depended on her faith to keep her strong and calm. In time, both Monica's husband and her mother-in-law were converted to the Christian faith. She had at least three children (two sons and one daughter). Her most well-known child is her son, Augustine. His young adult life was spent pursuing carnal pleasures. Not long after

his baptism, Augustine returned to Tagaste. He gathered a group of friends together who supported one another in living out their faith. In 391, he was ordained a priest and four years later was named the bishop of Hippo, a city in Northern Africa under the rule of the Romans. Augustine devoted himself to the spiritual care of his people as well as to writing. We still have a vast collection of his work today—113 books, 207 letters, and more than 500 sermons. He died in 430 and, along with his teacher, Saint Ambrose, was named a doctor of the church in 1298.

### Join us for Bible Study

**1st and 3rd Thursday**  
**1:00 & 7:00 PM**  
**Via ZOOM**

**1:00 pm Meeting**  
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**7:00 pm Meeting**  
**ID 811 5705 8134**  
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### Is there a difference between school and religious education???

There is an important distinction between religious teachings introduced at church and how subjects are taught in schools. Both involve systematic learning. Properly understood, educational experience is exploratory in character. Faith Formation is evangelizing in purpose and practice. The distinction is not simply “learning about” religion and being nurtured in the teachings of a particular faith. An “educational experience” is always more than just “learning about”. There must be an appreciation for what is learned; for one’s sense of personal identity, and to find an enduring sense of belonging in a world shared with others. Jesus Christ used strikingly different approaches when dealing with His “disciples” on the one hand and the “multitudes” on the other. “All these things Jesus spoke in parables to the multitudes; and without parables he did not speak to them.” (Matthew 13:34). “And with many such parables he spoke to them the word, according to their ability to hear. And without parables he did not speak unto them; but apart, he explained all things to his disciples.” (Mark 4:33-34).



### “The Mural”

**Many people ask us questions about the mural. Where did it come from? Who painted it? What do the images mean?**

**Join us for an upcoming speaker series:  
7 Signs for 7 Sacraments and get answers to your questions?**



**In case you missed it:  
St Bernadette Parish was in  
the Angelus Magazine. A link  
to the article can be found  
below.**

<https://angelusnews.com/local/la-catholics/st-bernadette-relic-in-la/>



**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Monday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time to the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Monday**  
8:00 am  
Communion Service  
(Adoration to Follow)

**Tuesday**  
8:00 am  
Communion Service  
(Adoration to Follow)

**Wednesday**  
8:00 am  
Communion Service  
(Adoration to Follow)

**Thursday**  
Liturgy of the Word (recorded)

**Friday**  
Liturgy of the Word (recorded)

**Saturday**  
Liturgy of the Word (recorded)  
3:00 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday**  
10:00 am Mass

**Other Sacraments  
(as Scheduled)**

**Mass Intentions**  
(323) 293-4877  
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**Coffee & Donuts  
Every Sunday  
In the Hall  
after 10:00 am Mass**

**We are looking for sponsors**



**Why Do Catholics Light Candles?**

Lighting a candle for a particular intention is practiced worldwide by people of all walks of life, varied spiritualities, and different religions. It symbolizes bringing light to our wishes or desires. A candle can be lit as a prayer for peace or a request for healing. People of Christian faith believe lighting a candle symbolizes the light of Christ. We light candles on top of our birthday cakes in celebration of each cherished year of our lives.

Lighted candles are reflections of our emotional self and help to illuminate our hearts when we feel burdened. When you light a candle in church, you are invited to reflect on whatever is resonating within you at the moment. Here five reasons for you to consider: an affirmation candle, a prayer candle, a blessing candle, a candle of gratitude, or a meditation candle. When a person wishes to meditate on a thought or idea, but lacks the ability to form the appropriate words to express themselves, lighting a candle is a traditional way to show the intensity of their thoughts and feelings.

Many people practice lighting candles to show support for various causes. The practice, when done by large numbers of people, helps build a sense of solidarity for a movement, as well as raise awareness regarding the cause. Lighting a candle in memory of a lost loved one is a centuries-old practice. The practice gives the candle lighter a specific time to reflect on the deceased, as well as pray or meditate on their relationship with the loved one. In many Christian churches, both Catholic and Protestant, lighting a candle while praying is a common practice. When submitted publicly, individuals can pray for others' concerns as well as their own.



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**1 Corinthians 15:58**

*Oh Lord, help every worker to work wholeheartedly for the church. Help them to remember the work they do in the church is not in vain as Your Word declares Your work is never wasted.*



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# Back to School Safety



**Find school safety tips and recommendations online at**

[ph.lacounty.gov/EducationToolkitTK12](http://ph.lacounty.gov/EducationToolkitTK12)



## What Makes a Child Run Away

### Did you know? August 27-28

An endangered runaway is a child under the age of 18 who goes missing on his or her own accord, and whose parents do not know where they are. These children are vulnerable to abuse, trafficking, homelessness, and substance abuse. A young person may think running away is the only option if he or she is subject to abuse at home, family conflicts, struggles with mental health, drugs, or alcohol, or becomes the victim of an online predator. For more information on endangered runaways, visit <https://www.missingkids.org/theissues/runaways>.

