

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, August 18, 2024



SAINTS CYRIL AND  
METHODIUS PARISH

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A Personal Parish Established To Serve The Slovak Catholic Community In The Archdiocese Of Detroit



## 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me."

- Jn 6:56-57

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# MASS *Intentions*

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## August 17, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Assumption Novena  
5:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG  
❖ For Jana Kovac (50th B'Day) req. Mirka  
❖ For Michael & Laura Lebioda (B'Days) req. Family  
❖ †Regina Simone req. Ann Venglar  
❖ †Josephine Signorello req. Diane Maniaci & Roselyn Perri  
❖ †Robert & Mary Borst  
❖ †Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family

## August 18, Sunday - Nedela

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58  
7:30AM For Adam req. Grammie & Papa  
❖ For Prudence Lantzy req. Jeanette  
❖ For Gjon & Anthony req. Mom  
❖ †Hank Korzeniewski  
❖ †Mary Shiner req. Frank & Bev Moran  
❖ †Bob Desser  
❖ †John Maciag req. Wife  
9:30AM For the Intentions of the Assumption Novena  
11:30AM (Slovak) For the Intentions of All Parishioners  
8:30PM For Monir and Alia Korkis & Family  
❖ For Mary Ann, Agatha, & Mary Ann Magano  
❖ †Margaret "Pegeen" Mitchel req. Cindy & Dennis  
❖ †Samier Thomas  
❖ †Sadeq Elias Alsaffar  
❖ †Ron L. Souva req. Mother  
❖ †Carolyn Veronia Polega req. Sister Rita

## August 19, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Assumption Novena  
12:00PM For Lana Haynes (B'Day)  
❖ †Regina Simone req. Vitale Family  
❖ †Mary Shiner req. Legion of Mary Prayer Group  
❖ †Fred & Shirley Ross

## August 20, Tuesday - Utorok

### Memorial of Saint Bernard,

#### Abbot and Doctor of the Church

- 6:00AM For Emily req. Grammie & Papa  
❖ For Louise Hand (B'Day)  
❖ For Scott & Beth Sier (Wed. Ann.)  
❖ For Renee Dzieciolowski (B'Day)  
12:00PM For the Intentions of the Assumption Novena

## August 21, Wednesday - Streda

### Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

- 9:00AM (Latin)  
For the Intentions of the Assumption Novena  
12:00PM For Reese req. Grandma & Papa  
❖ For Paul & Judy Pawlowski  
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family  
❖ For Renee Dzieciolowski

## August 22, Thursday - Štvrtok

### Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:00AM For Steve Mazurkiewicz II (B'Day) req. Family  
❖ For Peter Desser (B'Day)  
❖ For Holy Name Staff & Families  
❖ †Walter Mikulak req. Daughter

- 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Assumption Novena  
7:00PM For Meri Dukaj & Baby req. Family  
❖ For Donald Trump  
❖ †Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany  
❖ †Jennie Keena

## August 23, Friday - Piatok

- 6:00AM For Molly Manor  
❖ For Thomas Salmo req. Godmother  
❖ †Irene Lewandowski (Ann.) req. Marge  
❖ †Hank Korzeniewski

- 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Assumption Novena

## August 24, Saturday - Sobota

### Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

- 9:00AM For Jack Scubnell  
❖ For Elise Kesler  
❖ For Sophia Skrocki & Family  
❖ †Alex Gorman (Ann.) req. Abbott Family  
5:30PM For Geneva Cole & Family  
❖ For John Shkreli (B'Day) req. Family  
❖ For Nikola Nikolovic req. Family  
❖ †Josephine Signorello  
❖ †Regina Simone req. Joseph Grisak  
❖ †David & Linda Burton req. Zelenak Family  
❖ †Louis & Anna Zelenak & Family

## August 25, Sunday - Nedela

### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17,18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69  
7:30AM For Larry & Mary Hines (45th Wed. Ann.)  
❖ For Anne Desser (B'Day)  
❖ For Meri Dukaj & Baby req. Family  
❖ For Gjon & Anthony req. Mom  
❖ For James Fulton Parker  
❖ †Hank Korzeniewski  
❖ †Mary Shiner req. Sharon Brown & Family  
9:30AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG  
❖ For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality  
❖ For Roy & Eleanor Trombley  
❖ For Lucas Dailey req. Parents  
❖ For Greyson Arkwright req. Dailey Family  
❖ For Chasney & Mazurkiewicz Families  
❖ †Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family  
11:30AM (Slovak)  
For the Poor Souls in Purgatory  
❖ For a Special Intention req. Alia Korkis  
❖ For the Ratchford Family req. Grandma  
❖ For Conrad Eichbauer req. Family  
❖ For the Schuller Family  
❖ For David & Angelo Stegner req. Family  
❖ †Donavan Barash  
8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

### Wedding Banns!

August 30, 2024:

*John Marsh & Maya Lamer*



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**Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS Regular HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:**

SATURDAY: 9:00AM & 5:30PM (Vigil)  
SUNDAYS: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (in Slovak) & 8:30PM  
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 9:00AM & 12:00PM  
TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 6:00AM & 12:00PM  
THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM

**Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS CONFESSION SCHEDULE:**

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM & 11:30AM - 12:00PM  
TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 5:30AM - 6:00AM & 11:30AM - 12:00PM  
THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 5:30AM - 6:00AM, 11:30AM - 12:00PM & 6:30PM - 7:00PM  
SATURDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM

**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:**

MONDAYS: 10:00AM - 5:00PM  
TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: 11:00AM - 5:00PM  
WEDNESDAYS: 11:00AM - 2:00PM  
\*Office is closed during 12:00PM Holy Mass

**OVERNIGHT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

THURSDAYS, 1:00PM - FRIDAYS, 12:00PM (until 7:00PM on First Fridays)



Do you know anyone who has questions or doubts about what the Catholic Church teaches or was never baptized, received First Communion, or Confirmation or would like to become Catholic?

This Fall, join a group of passionate Catholics as they study & explore, explain & discuss the treasure and richness of the Catholic Faith, such as: Faith & Reason, The Bible and Sacred Tradition, The Pope & Church Authority, Purgatory, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Angels & Saints, The Sacraments and so much more.

OCIA will not only help you learn the Catholic Faith, but prepare you to receive the Sacraments, and/or enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

If you, or someone you know, has never been Baptized, Confirmed, or received First Holy Communion, and would like to, or if you would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, we invite you to join our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) classes for study and discussion about the treasures of the Faith. Meetings take place on Tuesday evenings, beginning Tuesday, September 20, at 7:00PM.

If you have any questions, would like more information, or to sign up, please contact the:  
Parish Office, (586) 726-6911



**Parish Picnic**  
**Sunday, September 8**  
**12:30 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.**

**HELPERS NEEDED!**

An old-fashioned parish picnic is being planned for Sunday, September 8, from 12:30-7:00 p.m. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers and guláš/goulash with plans for additional food. There will be old-time games and fun, such as sack races, balloon toss, three-legged races, and more, plus games for children and teens. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this parish community get-together. Chairpersons & many volunteers are needed in order to make the Picnic a success. If you would like to help with the Parish Picnic, please attend the Planning Meeting that takes place this Tuesday, August 20, at 6:30PM, in the Overflow Room.

Questions, please contact:  
*Greg Wolf, (248) 321-6845*

### Reporting Sexual Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others – no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing: [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). In addition the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM) or by email at: [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).

More information about the AOD's efforts to address abuse may be found at [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org).

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Detroitská Arcidiecéza povzbudzuje jednotlivcov, ktorí by vedeli o prípadoch sexuálneho obťažovania mladistvých zo strany kleru, aby ich ohlásili bez ohľadu na to, kedy sa tieto prípady vyskytli. Jednotlivci môžu kontaktovať orgány činné v trestnom konaní, alebo upovedomiť Detroitскую Arcidiecézu prostredníctvom koordinátora pre pomoc obetiam na tel. čísle 866-343-8055, alebo emailom [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). Úrad generálneho prokurátora v Michigane možno kontaktovať na bezplatnom telefónnom čísle 844-324-3374 (od pondelka do piatku, od 8:00 do 17:00), alebo emailom [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).

Viac informácií o snahe Detroitskej Arcidiecézy predchádzať zneužívaniu je k dispozícii na adrese [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org).

### Eucharistic Adoration ~ Hearts Deepest Longing

**THURSDAYS, 1:00PM - FRIDAYS, 12:00PM**  
**until 7:00PM on FIRST FRIDAYS ONLY**

When we dig deep into the reality that it is only due to the kindness of the Heart of Christ and His mercy that we are not utterly destroyed beneath the weight and multitude of our sins, it is truly miraculous. Although we hardly think about that in the rhythm of our earthly lives, we will be confronted with it in all its magnitude when we die. This is why it is so very important to recognize it in the here-and-now. We all have been lowered to dust, our own strength has forsaken us, our hearts have grown faint within us and ever deeper do we sink. This is reason alone to cry out, "O' how great is your mercy, O Lord" along with the Psalmist. Who can give strength to our hearts so that we can weep and be moved to Him and set free? We must cry for Jesus to have pity on us, and deliver us. To renew us and make us whole. With a sincere heart we have to pray that He will enflame our hearts to like His own. For it is better to be in flames here than in the avenging flames due to lack of love. It is love for Jesus that will make us do what fear has been unable to do for us, to shun every sin, even the slightest. Meditate on this before Him in the Most Blessed Sacrament and He will work with you.

~ Paul Ray

**If you are able to commit to spend one hour with Our Lord EACH WEEK**, please contact:

*Annette Rudzewicz, (586) 247-7214*

**Family Sports Night • Friday, August 23**

Come and join a night of fun, sports and fellowship with friends and peers at our upcoming Family Sports Night. Soccer, Basketball and volleyball will be waiting for everyone this Friday, August 9, at 6:30PM in the back parking lot. Bring additional games like cornhole, frisbee or board games if you would like. Bring food and snacks for yourself and/or to share with friends and hang around the bonfire too!

**Mission Appeal Weekend • August 24 & 25**

Through the Missionary Cooperation Plan of the Archdiocese of Detroit, next weekend, August 24 & 25, Fr. Phillip Mayfield will speak at all Masses about the work of the PIME Missionaries. Founded in Italy in 1850, PIME Missionaries are priests and brothers who dedicate themselves as lifelong messengers of the Gospel to those who have not yet heard the Word of God. They live and work alongside the poorest among us in 19 countries, shedding light on the silent struggles of our brothers and sisters in the missions and connecting them to those with a spirit to help.

Find out more at: [www.pimeusa.org](http://www.pimeusa.org)

**American Heritage Girls Annual Round Up • August 27**

The Annual Round-up for American Heritage Group Troop MI0214 takes place on Tuesday, August 27, from 7:00PM—8:30PM in the Fr. Mikus Hall (South).

For more information:

Linktree: (scan QR Code on right)

Email: [ahgmi0214@gmail.com](mailto:ahgmi0214@gmail.com)



**Trail Life Troop Annual Join the Trail • August 27**

**Gearing up for the Next Year of Trail Life Adventure**

We will be holding our annual Join the Trail on Tuesday, August 27, from 7:00PM—8:30 PM outside on the hill if weather permits and inside the Fr. Mikus North Hall if it does not. This information session is for new families and those not quite sure what Trail Life is all about as well as ice cream and games for the kids.

The TRAIL LIFE USA motto “... is to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure.”

Come join us for a year of adventure and excitement as we learn about God, leadership, serving others, and the outdoors. We are looking for boys from 5-18 years of age to join. We have specific programming that is age appropriate for all. We meet most Tuesday's at 7:00PM—8:30PM at Ss. Cyril & Methodius.

Questions:

Mike Lawler, [mikelawler3@gmail.com](mailto:mikelawler3@gmail.com), (248) 482-3199

**Regina Caeli Academy - [www.rcahybrid.org](http://www.rcahybrid.org)**

Regina Caeli is a private, independent, Classical Homeschool Hybrid™ operating in the Catholic tradition. Preschool - 12th-grade students attend classical academic and extracurricular classes two days a week and homeschool the remaining days following the plans provided by RCA. To learn more, contact:

Mrs. Jeanne Baltrinic at [mjbaltrinic.det@rcahybrid.org](mailto:mjbaltrinic.det@rcahybrid.org) or our Admissions Representative at [admissions@rcahybrid.org](mailto:admissions@rcahybrid.org).

Regina Caeli Academy is hiring qualified teachers for the 2024-2025 academic year! Apply online at:

<https://rcahybrid.isolvedhire.com/jobs/>

**Flag Retirement Ceremony • September 13**

The Knights of Columbus Blessed Virgin Mary Assembly #1839 will hold its Annual “Flag Retirement Ceremony” on Friday, September 13! The ceremony will be held in the back parking lot at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church. The Ceremony will start at 6:30PM. The Knights will provide light refreshments after the ceremony.

A bin for your retired flag(s) is located in the vestibule. Feel free to either drop off your retired flag(s) before September 13 in the bin in the vestibule or bring them to the ceremony.

For more information, please contact:

Joseph White, Faithful Navigator, (586) 556-2122

**St. Monica Sodality Masses • August 25th - 28th**

The St. Monica Sodality has several Mass intentions coming up, and we hope you can join us for some or all of them. The regular monthly Mass takes place next Sunday, August 25, at 9:30AM. There are also Masses scheduled on Tuesday, August 27 (St. Monica's feast day) at 12:00PM and Wednesday, August 28 (St. Augustine's feast day) at 12:00PM. We invite you to stay for prayers after all three Masses (Divine Mercy Chaplet, St. Monica Sodality Prayer and the Triduum Prayer in Honor of St. Monica) - the prayer location will be announced each day. The church bulletin contains copies of these two powerful and moving St. Monica prayers on page 7.

Note: All St. Monica petition slips submitted between August, 2023, and July, 2024, are in the process of being delivered to Rome. More information on this will be provided next month. Any newly submitted petition slips will go into the covered album and placed in front of the altar during the Masses.

May Our Blessed Mother and St. Monica assist us all in our journey of faith!

For more info, contact: Anne Marie, (586) 873-2004

**American Red Cross Blood Drive • September 26**

Our next American Red Cross Blood Drive takes place on Tuesday, September 26, from 11:00AM—5:00PM. If you donated blood at our last Blood Drive in July, you are eligible to donate at this drive. Thank you for your compassion to help those who are in need of this life-saving act.

To schedule an appointment, please scan the QR code to the right or go to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: stcyril or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



Scan to schedule an appointment.

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**To Register:** 1. Go to [www.FORMED.org/signup](http://www.FORMED.org/signup), 2) Enter our parish zip code (48314) or name to select our parish, 3) Enter your name and email.

FORMED is an excellent way to grow in our faith!

**PUBLIC ROSARY**  
**by Outdoor Slovak Cross:**  
**Monday, August 19, 5:30PM**  
**Rain or Shine**  
**Bring Lawn Chair**

*Together We Pray  
 For the  
 United States of America*

Let's unite our voices together in prayer during the days leading up to the election on November 5th. Everyone is invited to unite our prayers together with fellow parishioners and patriots by praying the Rosary each day, wherever we are, at either 7:00AM or 7:00PM (or both). And through the intercession of Our Lady we will ask God to Protect our Religious Liberties and preserve our rights to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Occasionally, a public Rosary will be recited in front of the outdoor Slovak Cross. (Dates to be announced.)

*Every Day through November 5th!*

Begin with the Election Prayer (below) by Servant of God, Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary and conclude with the Memorare and the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel.

*"I pray that they may be [one] in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me." –John 17:21*



*Election Prayer for our Nation*

*Lord Jesus Christ, You told us to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God. Enlighten the minds of our people in America. May we choose a President of the United States, and other government officials, according to Your Divine Will. Give our citizens the courage to choose leaders of our nation who respect the sanctity of unborn human life, the sanctity of marriage, the sanctity of marital relations, the sanctity of the family, and the sanctity of the aging. Grant us the wisdom to give You, what belongs to You, our God. If we do this, as a nation, we are confident You will give us an abundance of Your blessings through our elected leaders. Amen.*

*Composed by (Servant of God) Father John Anthony Hardon, S.J.*

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**Catechism Corner - Registration (Grades K-8th): Are your Children Registered?**

August is here, the catechism books have been ordered, and the teachers are in place anxiously awaiting the first week of class. Mark your calendars as Catechism Classes will begin Wednesday, September 11, 2024, from 6:15PM - 7:30PM.

If we have your paperwork, you will receive a packet later this month with your child's teacher, room assignment, calendar, and program notes. Parents that haven't sent in their child's paperwork, please do as soon as possible or we will not be able to promise that your child will have a book or classroom assignment the first week of class.

The cutoff for registration is August 31st.

<b>*Parishioner:</b>	\$125 per Student
<b>Family Maximum:</b>	\$300
<b>Non-Parishioner:</b>	\$175 per Student
<b>Family Maximum:</b>	\$400 Non-Parishioner
<b>Home School Fee:</b>	\$30 (during Sacrament Years)
<b>Kindergarten:</b>	\$30 Supply Fee

◆ **Only those who are home schooled for other academics may home school for Religious Education.**

◆ Home School students making the Sacrament of Communion in 2025 must enroll at this time.

◆ Home School students making the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025 (8th grade) and 2026 (7th grade) must enroll at this time. The Confirmation Program is a two-year program. You must be enrolled both years to be eligible.

Confirmation Packets were mailed to registered 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Families several weeks ago. If you did not receive a packet of information, we do not have your registration forms.

Any questions, please contact *Paul or Carroll Schuller* at: [cschuller@saintcyrils.church](mailto:cschuller@saintcyrils.church) or (586) 726-6911

**ST. MONICA SODALITY PRAYER**

*Recite this prayer DAILY for your intentions and in union with all those also praying this prayer.*

**E**ternal and merciful Father, I give You thanks for the gift of Your Divine Son who suffered, died and rose for all mankind. I thank You also for my Catholic Faith and ask Your help that I may grow in fidelity by prayer, by works of charity and penance, by reflection on Your Word, and by regular participation in the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist. You gave Saint Monica a spirit of selfless love manifested in her constant prayer for the conversion of her son Augustine. Inspired by boundless confidence in Your power to move hearts, and by the success of her prayer, I ask the grace to imitate her constancy in my prayer for [name(s)] who no longer share in the intimate life of Your Catholic family. Grant through my prayer and witness that (he/she/they) may be open to the promptings of Your Holy Spirit, and return to loving union with Your Church. Grant also that my prayer be ever hopeful and that I may never judge another, for You alone can read hearts. I ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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**TRIDUUM PRAYER in HONOR of ST. MONICA****FIRST DAY: Prayer for Faith (August 25th)**

**O** glorious St. Monica, transfixed with sorrow when you saw your beloved child Augustine living in the dark and gloomy abyss of error and vice, and straying far from the right path which leads to true felicity in the possession of God and His holy grace, hear our prayer, O afflicted mother. By that cruel sorrow, which with so much patience you did bear, and by those earnest sighs and bitter tears with which you did appeal to God to change the heart of your prodigal son, and by your wondrous confidence in God, which was never shaken, O grant to us, your children, that we may, like you, place all our trust in God, and in our trials and troubles be ever resigned to His holy will. While we ask you, O glorious mother St. Monica, to supply for us our special needs, we here earnestly ask you to pray for the erring children of Jesus, so many Augustines, straying from God and hurrying to ruin. Let that earnest prayer of yours go forth once more for us and for sinners, that we may live in the light of divine grace and be united again thereafter to bless the bounty of a loving God for eternity. Amen.

**LET US PRAY.** O God, look graciously down upon your children who sigh in this valley of tears. With hope we pray for our daily bread, for the forgiveness of our sins, for the never-failing help of Your grace, and for the faithful fulfillment of Your promises; to find life everlasting and a happy abode with You in heaven, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. May God, through the merits and intercession of Saint Monica, increase our faith, strengthen our hope, and enkindle the fire of charity in our hearts. Amen.

***Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... Saint Monica, pray for us.***

**SECOND DAY: Prayer for Hope (August 27th - Feast Day/Memorial of St. Monica)**

**O** glorious mother, St. Monica, although the many means you employed to accomplish the conversion of your son Augustine seemed fruitless, and for a long time God Himself appeared deaf to your earnest prayer and unmoved by your ever-flowing tears, you never lost confidence in obtaining the long-sought grace for Augustine. You lovingly and tenderly admonished your erring son; you watched over him ever with all a mother's love, and fearless of danger and heedless of fatigue, followed him from place to place in his weary and wayward wanderings. In a word, all that a mother's tender love could suggest, all that a mother's anxious solicitude could inspire, all that a wondrous prudence and true wisdom could dictate, you, O great St. Monica, cheerfully did to effect the return to God of your firstborn and darling child. By all these generous efforts, so happily crowned in the end, hear, O mother, the petitions we make to you. Pray for us, too, and pray especially for those who are unmindful of and ungrateful to God. To you, O dearest mother, we are especially dedicated; look upon us, then, as your children, and win for us the grace we need. Regard mercifully the most destitute among us, that sin being diminished, the number of the faithful may increase, and greater glory may be given to Him who is the best of friends, the truest of benefactors, our first beginning and last end, the source of all our hope, our Savior, our God. Amen.

***LET US PRAY... Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... Saint Monica, pray for us.***

**THIRD DAY: Prayer for Charity (August 28th - Feast Day/Memorial of St. Augustine)**

**O** glorious mother St. Monica who can conceive the consolation that abounded in your heart, so long the home of brooding sorrow, when you saw your child Augustine rising in the light of grace and giving himself generously to God. When you folded your converted son in your arms and tears of every joy streamed forth to tell the glowing jubilee of your heart, Oh, how in that moment God in his mercy recompensed your years of sorrow and anxiety, your long and weary days of racking suspense. It was impossible that a child of tears like yours should perish and when your son Augustine heard the call of God he obeyed it, and his life and his deeds flung a luster all their own on you, St. Monica. O fortunate mother, twice mother of your child, deign to listen to our prayers and present our petitions to God. Look lovingly, and with all a mother's interest on us assembled here, under your protection, to honor you. We love you and let us become, as St. Augustine of old, the objects of your maternal love. Pray that we, too, like St. Augustine, may have strength to cling to God, and triumph over sin and temptation. By your prayers break the fetters of sin that hold in cruel bondage the souls of your sinful children in this world. O mother, pray that the miracle of grace in the heart of Augustine may again and again be repeated in these days of universal sin, and that the erring children of Jesus may be led back to the fold so that united here on earth, we may securely go through the dangers of life and be united with you, our mother, in heaven forever. Amen.

***LET US PRAY... Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... Saint Monica, pray for us.***

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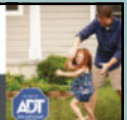
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