

God sends the Holy Spirit!



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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God keeps His promises!

"I promise!" you say. I promise I'll clean up my room, after I go to my friend's house. I promise I'll never pick on my brother again. I promise I'll be home by dinnertime. Do you keep your promises? When you say you'll do something, do you do it? Well, God does. Our Lord always keeps His promises!



Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost! That's the day we remember how the Holy Spirit came to help Christ's Apostles, and how the Holy Spirit came to help the whole world. How? Well, the Holy Spirit is God, and He is in the world with us right now. Since we have the Holy Spirit with us, we have God with us!

When Jesus was on earth, He promised His followers something. He promised that God the Father would send the Holy Spirit, to be with us forever. And today we remember how God kept His promise. Today, we read in the Acts of the Apostles how God gave the Holy Spirit to His people. We have the Holy Spirit with us today.

But did you know that our Lord made another promise, that we hear about in the Bible? He promised that we would see Him again. He promised that He would come to earth again someday. Just remember that...because we know that God keeps His promises!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Apostles
Augustine
Feastday
Holy Spirit
Love
Monica
Pentecost
Persistence
Prayers
Promise

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WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Sometimes praying is hard!

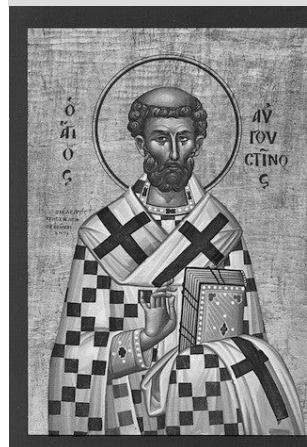
Saint Monica prayed so much for her son, Augustine, and she worried that he wouldn't turn from his sins.

Do you see Saint Monica's face? How do you think she felt, as she prayed to God?



A MOTHER'S PRAYER

SAINTS MONICA AND AUGUSTINE



Do your parents ask you a lot of questions? Maybe they ask you how you did on a test, or if you brushed your teeth, or who you sat with at lunch, or what you played at a friend's house. Why do they ask so many questions? Probably because they love you, and they want you to do the right thing!

This week we celebrate a saint (Monica) who sure loved her son (Augustine) too. Saint Augustine was brilliantly smart. We can still read his writings, and

we will grow closer to our Lord if we really pay attention to them. But Saint Augustine was not always close to God. His mother was a strong Christian, and she had one goal: to help her children be strong Christians too. Sadly, her son Augustine started off on the right foot, but he made some bad choices in his life. He went down the wrong path, doing some really awful things. His whole life became full of sins. Even more, he didn't believe what we believe as Christians, and had some strange ideas in his faith.

Monica, his mother, prayed for many, many years. She never gave up on her son. She prayed to God that he would turn back to our one, true God with his beliefs and with his actions. Finally, she knew that God had heard her prayer. But it took many more years before Augustine turned back on the right path.

Sometimes the prayers of mothers and fathers are the strongest ones! God heard Saint Monica, and today we can learn from her and from her son, Augustine, who is now a saint of our Church!

We celebrate Saints Augustine and Monica on Wed., June 15th (OC: June 28th).