

*Nothing is far from God.* —St. Monica

## FRIDAY AUGUST 28

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### *Memorial*

#### **Saint Augustine**

*Roman Missal 921; Lectionary 429*

Saint Augustine is one of the greatest Fathers of the Church, known as the Doctor of Grace. See p. 180.

### **Entrance Antiphon**

*(Cf. Sirach 15)* **In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.**

### **Collect**

Renew in your Church, we pray, O Lord, the spirit with which you endowed your Bishop Saint Augustine that, filled with the same spirit, we may thirst for

you, the sole fount of true wisdom, and seek you, the author of heavenly love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Reading** \_\_\_\_\_

*(1 Corinthians 1.17-25)*

Brothers and sisters, Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that

the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Responsorial Psalm* ———  
(Psalm 33)

**R.** **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright. Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings. R.

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. R.

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. R.

**Acclamation (Luke 21)**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.** Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. **Alleluia.**

**Gospel (Matthew 25.1-13) —**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

“As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.

“The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’

“And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and

those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Celebrating the memorial of our salvation, we humbly beseech your mercy, O Lord, that this Sacrament of your loving kindness may be for us the sign of unity and the bond of charity. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Preface (Common, p. 16 or Pastors, p. 13)**

**Communion Antiphon**

*(Mt 23)* **Thus says the Lord: You have but one teacher, the Christ, and you are all brothers.**

**Prayer after Communion**

May partaking of Christ's table sanctify us, we pray, O Lord, that, being made members of

his Body, we may become what we have received. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*There is something in humility which strangely exalts the heart. —St. Augustine*

**SATURDAY** AUGUST 29

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**Memorial**

**The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

*Roman Missal 922; Lectionary 634*

Saint John the Baptist was imprisoned by Herod. See p. 181.

**Entrance Antiphon**

*(Cf. Ps 118)* **I spoke, O Lord, of your decrees before kings, and was not confounded; I pondered your commands and loved them greatly.**

**Collect**

O God, who willed that Saint John the Baptist should go ahead of your Son both in his birth and in his death, grant that, as he died a Martyr for truth and justice, we, too, may fight hard for the confession of what you teach. Through our