

St Augustine's Confessions

The *Confessions* of St Augustine is one of the greatest texts of all time. Written toward the end of classical antiquity (397-400 A.D.), it is a work that is still easily available today and continues to inspire countless readers. Augustine divided the work into thirteen books, the autobiographical part (Books 1-9) and the philosophical part (Books 10-13).

In Augustine's time, "confession" referred either to admission of sins and faults, or, to praise of God. He used it in both senses. Augustine was a prolific writer with major books like *On The Trinity*, *The City of God*, *Against the Pelagians*, *Against the Donatists*. Some of his sermons were published in his lifetime, but hundreds were published after his death.

Through his preaching and writing Augustine touched on most of the critical issues of his time yet he was always centred on God: questions about sin (original or actual), the meaning and kinds of grace, the philosophy of time and history. His personal style is most evident in his *Confessions* in which he speaks to God as his Father and Friend. He shows remarkable insight into his inner self as he charts his life-long journey into God. As society around him breaks into chaos, the Roman Empire dismantled, Augustine teaches us about the necessity of having an independent inner life of faith and deep communion with God.

Augustine's mother, St Monica, had given her brilliant son a valuable start in life, instructing him about the Catholic faith and imparting to him her own love for Jesus. The young Augustine makes no secret of his lax and lustful living, but he never gave up on the call to integrity. In Book VIII he asks God,

"Give me chastity – but not yet!" He recalls an experience when he heard some children singing, "Tolle, lege" (meaning take up, read). He picked up Paul's letter to the Romans and opening it, his eye fell on 13:13-14: "Let us live decently as people do in daytime, no drunken orgies, no promiscuity, no licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ."

The next stage in his conversion was to discover the immediacy of the presence of God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. From thinking of God as supremely powerful but distant, Augustine found God in his own heart of hearts. This sense of God's intimate presence came with the gifts of simplicity and humility. Deeply personal yet never losing his intellectual edge, Augustine in the *Confessions* shows the freedom and depths of authentic faith. We see this in one of his best-known prayers to God:

*Late have I loved you,
O Beauty so ancient and so new:
late have I loved you!
For behold you were within me
and I outside,
and I sought outside,
and in my ugliness
fell upon those lovely things
that you have made...
You called and cried to me
and broke open my deafness...
you breathed fragrance upon me,
and I drew in my breath
and do now pant for you.
I tasted you and now hunger
and thirst for you:
you touched me
and I have burned for your peace.*



Detail of a painting of St Augustine's Conversion by Fra Angelico

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-10.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 145.

RESPONSE:

I will bless your name forever, my king and my God.

1. I will extol you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever. I will bless you day after day, and praise your name forever and ever. *R*
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. *R*
3. All your works shall thank you, O Lord, and all your faithful ones bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your reign, and declare your mighty deeds. *R*
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and holy in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down. *R*

SECOND READING: Romans 8:9, 11-13.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 6 Jul (St Maria Goretti, VM)

Hosea 2:16.17-18.21-22; Psalm 145; Matthew 9:18-26
St Maria Goretti (1890-1902) is known for her dying words of forgiveness towards her attacker, "I forgive him and want him to be in paradise with me some day".

Tue 7 Jul Liturgy of the Day

Hosea 8:4-7.11-13; Ps 115; Matthew 9:32-38
Many of us know how to give of ourselves, but don't know how to receive. Receptivity must include the willingness to allow ourselves to receive, or to be influenced or transformed by another. How receptive are you?

Wed 8 Jul Liturgy of the Day

Hosea 10:1-3.7-8.12; Psalm 105; Matthew 10:1-7
When you pray, remember to remain open to the often unexpected ways in which God answers your prayers. This, of course, implies a deep-seated relationship of openness and trust.

Thu 9 Jul (Ss Augustine Zhao Rong, Pr & Companions, Ms)

Hosea 11:1-4.8-9; Psalm 80; Matthew 10:7-15
"Every piece of my flesh, every drop of my blood will tell you that I am Christian." – Chi Zhuzi, one of Augustine's companions.

Fri 10 Jul Liturgy of the Day

Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 51; Matthew 10:16-23
While we often see only our imperfections, God, like any reasonable parent, rejoices in our faltering steps towards wholeness. Be mindful of God's patience as we remain open to the work of the Spirit in us.

Sat 11 Jul St Benedict, Ab

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 93; Matthew 10:24-33
St Benedict of Nursia, known as the "Father of Western Monasticism", emphasized action over idleness in his Rule. "He who labours as he prays lifts his heart to God" and "idleness is the enemy of the soul".

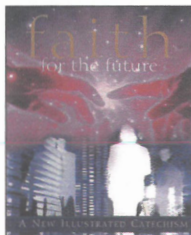
Sun 12 Jul 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 65; Matthew 13:1-23
"We've lost touch with the natural world. As a result, we've lost touch with our own souls. I believe we can't access our full intelligence and wisdom without some real connection to nature." – Fr Richard Rohr

KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)
V=Virgin; M=Martyr; Pr=Priest; Ab=Abbot; Ms=Martyrs

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MASS INTENTIONS JULY 2026

04	Sat	17h00	RIP Thelma Trutter RIP Manuel Pombo RIP Dominic Drabile
05	Sun	08h00	RIP Augusta & Fernando Moutinho RIP Maria dos Reis & Jose Ferreira RIP Dominic Drabile Solange birthday blessings Special intention Vocation discernment
		10h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega Pray for a study place, good job and perseverance Pray for study visa renewal + good workplace & grace and mercy Special intention for Cameron Special intention Rory and Lisandro
		17h00	
06	Mon	18h00	COMMUNION SERVICE RIP Dominic Drabile Special intention for Cameron
07	Tues	18h00	RIP Dominic Drabile Special intention for Cameron
08	Wed	18h00	RIP Dominic Drabile Special intention for Cameron
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SICK LIST

We pray for the sick, housebound and their caregivers.



Richard Heslop, Kevin Demmer, Harold de Jongh, Gordon Milburn, Veronica Wheeler, Leonardo, Ken Walters, Wendy Elliott, Genevieve van der Merwe, Gideon Wathen, Nadine Botha, Enita Davies, Michael Serrao, Vincent S, and Leo Vest, Pat Vosloo, Jabulile Mashile and Jean Loudon

PARISH NOTICES

LADIES RETREAT

We will be having a Ladies retreat on Sunday the 19th of July. The day will start at 09h15 after the 08h00 Mass. Please bring along a bible, a notebook and a pen, a light lunch for yourself and some water. We kindly request that you bring along a small donation that we can give to the school for the use of the premises.

ARCHDIOCESE FUNDRAISER

Each family is kindly requested to contribute R300 toward the Archdiocese Fundraiser using ref ARCH FUND.

FEELING COLD?

Treat yourself after Sunday Mass to a hot chocolate and a doughnut for R40. Stay a little longer enjoy some fellowship and support the Youth.

DATE CHANGE FOR THE ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE

The Knights of De Gama will be coming to the parish on the weekend of the 11th and 12th of July for their annual blanket drive. Please give generously to our needy.

NGOME TRIP SEPTEMBER 2026:

The Ngome trip is on the weekend of the 18th of September 2026. We are inviting all interested parties to contact the parish office for further details and booking arrangements. The cost will be R2200.00 per person. Please forward all proof of payment to secretary@christking.org.za. All payments must be received by the end of July for the bus to be booked. Please keep all proof of all payments made for reconciliation purposes. Please use the main account for your payments 011564733 referencing Ngome and your name.

BAPTISMS:

Our next baptism will be on the 1st of August after the 10am Mass. All parents wanting to baptise their children must contact the parish office to make an appointment with Fr Daniel.

WEDDINGS:

All those wishing to be religiously married in the Parish must please contact the parish office **before booking the wedding venue** as there are matters of importance that need to be discussed.

REPOSITORY:

The hours are Sunday 07h45 till 09h45 and 30 min after the 10h00 mass

PARISH FINANCES

TITHING:

All parishioners who are tithing can find the record of payments made on the notice board. Please check that your payment is registered. If you would like to tithe, please fill in the form in the box.

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CARITAS

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NEWS

OUR SYNODAL JOURNEY JULY THEME ENCOUNTER, LISTEN, DISCERN

Pope Francis reminds us that the Church is called to be:

Communion – united in Christ,

Participation – everyone has a role to play,

Mission – sent out to share the Gospel.

These three pillars guide our Synodal journey.

POPE FRANCIS

On Walking Together

"Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same road, walking together."

On the Synodal Method

"Encounter, listen and discern."

POPE LEO XIV

On Communion

"The synodal teams and participatory bodies are an image of this Church that lives in communion."

On Listening to the Spirit

"By listening to the Spirit in dialogue, fraternity and parrhesia, you will help us to understand that, prior to any differences, we are called in the Church to walk together in the pursuit of God."