

Our God Is a Forgiving God

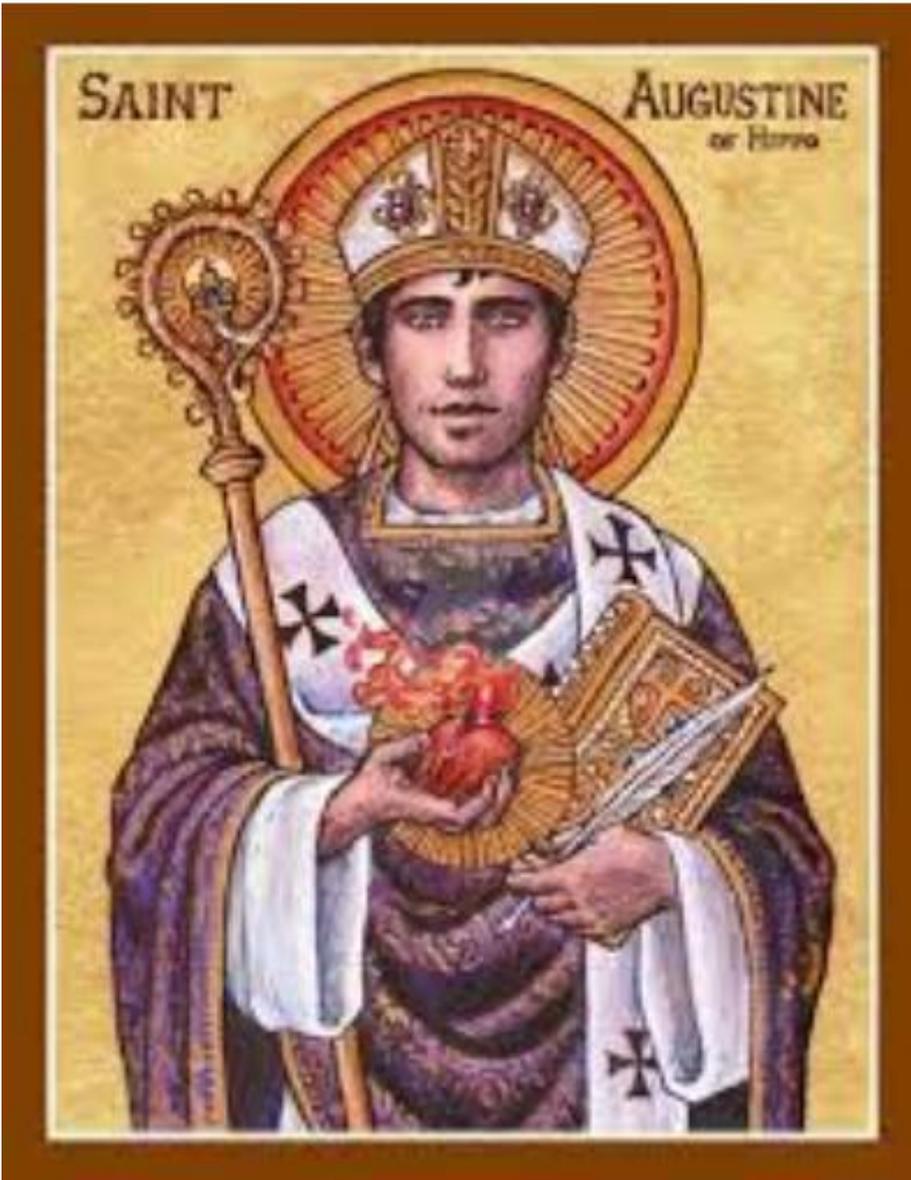


Luke 15:11-32

Examination of Conscience

1. Do I take responsibility for my faith in God?
Do I do what I can to learn more about God?
2. Do I pray to God often?
3. Do I go to Mass willingly?
4. Do I show my love for others and care for others?
5. Am I good to my family members?
6. Do I willingly share what I have with others?
7. Am I honest and fair?
8. Do I deal with arguments or conflicts peacefully?
9. Am I willing to ask forgiveness as well as forgive others?
10. Do I use my gifts and talents for the good of the community?
11. Do I talk to God in prayer at least twice every day?

St. Augustine



St. Augustine of Hippo was a bit like the lost son in our Gospel reading today. His mother, St. Monica, taught him about Jesus but when he was a teenager he did not listen and left home and did not live in a good way.

He studied other religions and tried following them but he realized that each one was not right. He tried wild parties and indulgent living, but that did not satisfy him.

Finally, one day he was in Milan, Italy and he heard St. Ambrose talking about Jesus. He was interesting so he listened. Soon he realized that this was the truth and he decided to follow Jesus. His mother, who had been praying

for this for years, was very happy.

Augustine continued to study the ways of Jesus and wrote many books. The more he studied, the more he loved Jesus.

Augustine wrote: "Too late have I loved You. Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you."

His feast day is August 28