

AUGUST 28
SAINT AUGUSTINE of HIPPO
Doctor, Bishop and Lawgiver of the Order

Feast

Entrance Antiphon

Sirach 15,5

In the midst of the assembly he opened his mouth
and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding;
he clothed him with a robe of glory.

Prayer of the Assembly

Lord God,
You raised Saint Augustine from the depths of error
to the heights of wisdom and love.
You made him an outstanding witness of your truth
and the author of a rule for religious life.
Grant that we, your family, freed from sin,
may radiate the light of your grace
and be inflamed with the fire of your love.
(We ask this) through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

I John 4, 7-16

A reading from the First Letter of John

If we love one another, God remains in us

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God;
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Whoever is without love does not know God,
for God is love.
In this way the love of God was revealed to us:
God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might have life through him.
In this is love: not that we have loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son
as expiation for our sins.
Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another.
No one has ever seen God.
Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,
and his love is brought to perfection in us.
This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us,
that he has given us of his Spirit.
Moreover, we have seen and testify
that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world.
Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,
God remains in him and he in God.
We have come to know and to believe
in the love God has for us.

God is love, and whoever remains in love
remains in God and God in him.

This is the Word of the Lord

OR Alternative Reading

I Corinthians 12, 31 - 13, 8a,13

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

If I do not have love, I gain nothing

Brothers and Sisters,
strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.
But I shall show you a still more excellent way.
If I speak in human and angelic tongues
but do not have love,
I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.
And if I have the gift of prophecy
and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;
if I have all faith so as to move mountains
but do not have love, I am nothing.
If I give away everything I own,
and if I hand my body over so that I may boast
but do not have love, I gain nothing.
Love is patient, love is kind.
It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated,
it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing
but rejoices with the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails.
So faith, hope, love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Psalm

36 (37), 3-4, 5-6, 30-31

R/. Everyone who loves, knows God

Response: cf. I John 4, 7b

If you trust in the Lord and do good,
then you will live in the land and be secure.
If you find your delight in the Lord,
he will grant your heart's desire.

R/. Everyone who loves, knows God

Commit your life to the Lord,
trust in him and he will act,
so that your justice breaks forth like the light,
your cause like the noon-day sun.

R/. Everyone who loves, knows God

The just man's mouth utters wisdom
and his lips speak what is right;
the law of his God is in his heart,
his steps shall be saved from stumbling.

R/. Everyone who loves, knows God

Gospel Acclamation

I John, 2, 5

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Whoever keeps Christ's word,
the love of God is truly perfected in him. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 23, 8-12

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not be called "Master," you have but one master, the Messiah

Jesus said to his disciples:
"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.'
You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers.
Call no one on earth your father;
you have but one Father in heaven.
Do not be called 'Master';
you have but one master, the Messiah.
The greatest among you must be your servant.
Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord,
through the intercession of Saint Augustine,
may the heavenly doctrine,
symbolized by these gifts and proclaimed by Jesus,
remain untainted in our hearts.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Preface

a shepherd in your Church

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Christ our Lord.
You wonderfully converted Saint Augustine
to yourself by the blessing of your grace
and filled him with many gifts,
so that, as a shepherd in your Church,
he might instruct his flock with wisdom,

strengthen it with his example,
rule it with prudence,
and safeguard it in unity and peace.
You gave him to us as the author of our rule of life,
whereby, living with one heart and one mind,
we might offer a witness of communal love
and renew in your Church
the example of the early Christians.
Therefore, with the multitude of angels and saints,
we sing this hymn to your glory: Holy, Holy...

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 23, 10b

One only is your teacher, the Messiah.
You, however, are all brothers.

Prayer after Communion

May this heavenly meal
in which we are nourished by Christ,
who was obedient even to death on the cross,
make us,
through the intercession of Saint Augustine,
faithful keepers of holy laws.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

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