

St Augustine

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The feast of St. Augustine is celebrated on 28th August every year. St. Augustine is known to be the patron saint of “Brewers’ because of his conversion. He was a normal human being like us, his normal life included parties, entertainment and also worldly ambitions. But later he led this very same ordinary life in an extraordinary way. His complete turnaround has been an inspiration and also an encouragement to all those who long to leave his /her bad habits.

St Augustine was the son of St. Monica who belonged to a very wealthy family, but still led a normal life like anyone of us. When St Augustine was young he had kept his mind wandering everywhere else except prayers until one day when he saw two men who were non Catholics converting to Catholics. That was the day that changed his life. That was the day he realized his mistakes. That was the day he finally recognized his behavior of not believing in God even when he knew everything about him. He was filled with shame on himself an observing this act closely, he told his friend the following words. “See we know everything about God but still refuse to have faith, trust and belief in Him and look at those two non-Catholic men who don’t even know everything about Him but still have come with so much devotion to get converted into a religion still unknown to them completely, they have come to become Catholics”.

This incident completely changed the life of St. Augustine, from that day onwards he came to become a Catholic missionary and joined the religions life of a priest. Even today St. Augustine feast is celebrated every year as a very big occasion. The life of St. Augustine vies us the example that ‘sooner or later the truth of Christianity will be revealed to everyone who has not seen but still believes in Him the Almighty God who is in the highest.’

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We all must have heard about St. Augustine, one of the **doct**s of the church. But do we know his life story. If you don't here it is.

St. Augustine was born in Tagastil Numidia in Arica on November 13, AD 354 as Aurelix Augustinus. His father was a pagan who converted to Christianity. On his death bed, his mother was Saint Monica, a devour Christian. Augustine received a Christian upbringing and in AD 370 went to the university at **carnage** to study rhetoric with a view to become lawyer. He gave up law to devote himself to literacy pursuits and gradually abandoned his Christian faith taking a mistree with whom he lived for fifteen years in AD 382. After investigating and experimenting with several philosophies, he became a **Manichae**an for several years. It taught a great struggle. Good and evil and fratru