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Some Thoughts for August, 2022 by Marge Loenser:

This month gets its name from Caesar Augustus, a Roman emperor. Augustus in Latin means consecrated. As emperor, Augustine reigned over the Roman Empire for 40 years, doubling the size of the empire from Britain to India. He reigned from 27 BC to AD 14. (A little history never hurts)

August is really a lovely month, I admit you have to love the heat, but with AC we can watch the lovely Myrtle bushes and the copious Snow Ball bushes sway and bob through our windows.

This month we celebrate St. Alphonsus Liguori, St. John Vianney, St. Dominic, St. Lawrence, St. Clare, the Assumption of our Blessed Mother, The apostle St. Bartholomew and St. Monica, to name most of our celebrants.

St. John Vianney was also called the Cure of Ars; it is told that with little sleep or food he preached to the poor, and was known to hear confessions for up to 16 hours. St. John Vianney is the patron saint of parish priests. St. John, please pray for us, and pray that more young men answer the call to priesthood.

The origin of the holy rosary began with St. Dominic, who was given the rosary in an apparition by the Blessed Virgin Mary in the year 1208. This apparition received the title of Our Lady of the Rosary. St. Dominic and Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

St. Bartholomew, hmm--what do we know about him? Well, we know he was an apostle of Jesus; he was identified as Nathaniel in St. John's gospel, and we know that he evangelized in the East, in Mesopotamia, Persia, around the Black Sea.

He is said to have been martyred for having converted Polybius, King of Armenia to Christianity. St. Bartholomew, please pray for us!

St. Monica is famous for having prayed many years for the conversion of her son, Augustine, who was converted and baptized by St. Ambrose. St. Augustine became one of the great saints and doctors of the church. He is greatly known for writing the book: Confessions of Augustine. St. Monica please pray for our families that they may all come to know, love and serve Jesus. St. Augustine, who was a notorious sinner before his conversion, pray for the conversion of sinners.

Well, there you have my simple comments and hopefully a little insight into some of our saints. May God bless us, each one, and may He save our country and the world from spiraling out of control.

Love Marge,
PS: Keep the faith!



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