

Remember Me at Jesus' Table

A story about Saint Monica and
Saint Augustine of Hippo





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Long ago, there lived a kind and loving lady named Monica.
Monica loved Jesus very much.
She talked to Him every day and trusted Him with all her heart.

Every day, Monica went to church.
It was a special place where she could be quiet,
pray and feel close to God.



Monica took her son, Augustine, with her.
Monica taught Augustine about Jesus.
She told him how much Jesus loves us.
She helped him learn to love Jesus, too.



Monica showed Augustine the altar.
"This is Jesus' table," she said gently.
"When we gather here for the Eucharist,
it is like a special family meal with Jesus.







We remember how much He loves us and that He is always with us. We become one big family with Jesus." Augustine listened carefully. He liked being part of Jesus' family.



Many years passed. Monica grew old and tired.
One day, she said something very important to her son.
She whispered, "When you go to Jesus' table, remember me there." She wanted Augustine to pray for her each time he celebrated the Eucharist, that special meal with Jesus.

Augustine remembered his mother when he went to church. He always prayed for her when he was at Jesus' table. He felt something beautiful.
He felt that Jesus was keeping them together in love.





Jesus brings everyone together. People who are near, people who are far away, people on earth and people with God in heaven.





Monica and Augustine loved Jesus all their lives.
Now they are saints in heaven, close to Him forever.





Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for loving us.
Thank you for the Eucharist,
your special meal that brings us together.
Keep us close to you and close to the people we love. Amen.



Saint Monica, pray for us.
Saint Augustine, pray for us.