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**St. Nicholas***Born: March 15, 270.**Died: December 6, 343.*

Nicholas was the bishop in a town called Myra in Turkey. While bishop there, he had a passion for serving the poor in his diocese. There was once a man who had three daughters, but not enough money to support them. Late at night, Nicholas went over to his house and dropped off three bags of gold coins in order to help provide for that family in need. While bishop, he also contributed to the Church's teachings by participating in the Council of Nicea. During this Council of bishops, Nicholas helped the other bishops properly defend the teaching that Jesus is both God and man. For a time as bishop, he was locked up and tortured for his faith by the rulers in Myra who disagreed with the teachings of the Catholic Church. He never lost faith in Christ and persevered until finally he was released under the new Emperor Constantine.

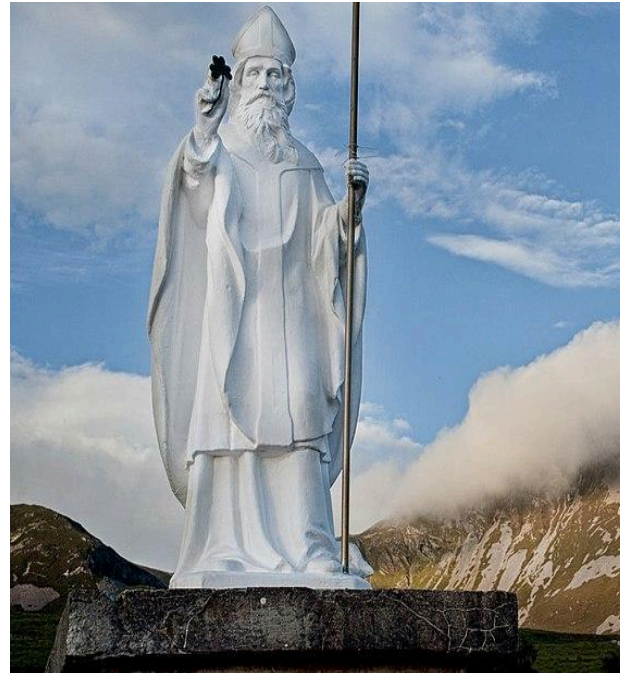


## St. Patrick

*Born: 387*

*Died: 461*

Patrick was born in Britain but captured and taken to Ireland as a boy until he was twenty. After making it back to Britain, he had a vision which inspired him to become a priest and eventually return to Ireland to spread the Gospel there. He became a bishop and went throughout the land preaching and sharing the Good News. He is known for using a three-leaf clover to try and explain the Blessed Trinity. Similarly to how there are three leaves in one clover, there are three Persons in one God. He converted many pagan chieftains through his preaching, his example, and even some miracles. One time the king of Ireland ordered that all fires should be put out for one night in order to better honor a pagan god with a giant fire and feast. Patrick knew there was only one God, and so he lit a huge Paschal fire despite the king's orders. When the king tried to put out the fire, he discovered they could not do it! They were amazed and realized that Patrick's God was the real God.



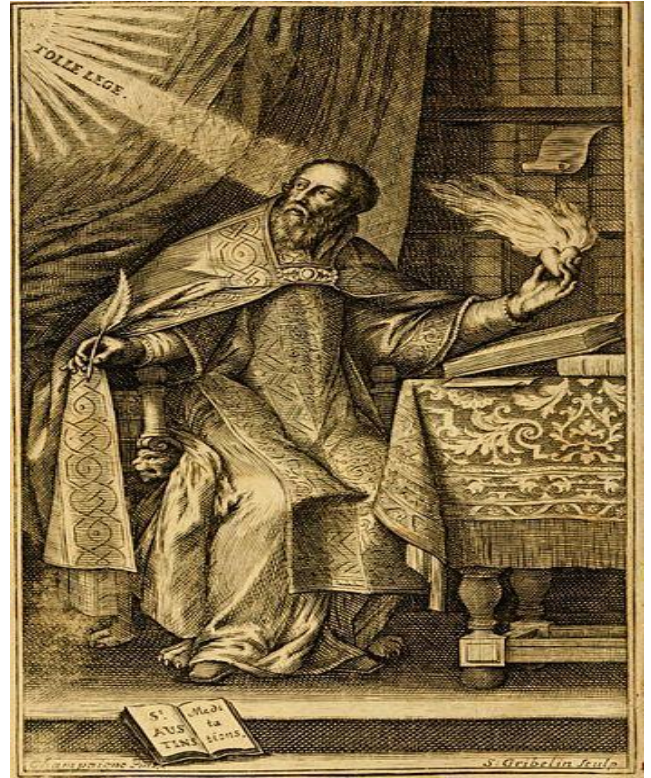
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## St. Augustine

*Born: November 13, 354.*

*Died: August 28, 430.*

Augustine was born in Africa to a holy woman now known as St. Monica. Sadly, in his youth, Augustine turned away from God and chose a sinful lifestyle. Through the grace of God and his mother's persistent prayers, Augustine began to believe in God again and came back to the Catholic Faith. He felt the call to become a priest and eventually became a bishop! As bishop of Hippo (a place in Northern Africa), he chose to live simply and dedicated his time to helping the poor. Augustine is also known for his great writings in which he helped to better explain the Catholic Faith to the people of Hippo. One of his most well-known works is called *The Confessions of St. Augustine*, in which he writes of how God had mercy on him for all of the sins he had committed when he was young. Many people are encouraged and inspired by his testimony in this book, even to this day.



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