

August 28, 2008
Thursday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time
Memorial of Saint Augustine

Readings of the day may be found on the following link:

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab>

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Matthew 24:42-51

Jesus said to his disciples: "Stay awake!

As I insert myself into this gospel, I want to ask Jesus where he sees me sleeping. We celebrate the fest of St Augustine today. Yesterday we celebrated the feast of his mother, St Monica. Augustine spent a lot of years sleeping. His mother spent as many years praying that he would wake up. Apparently, he did, but not without some struggle and some procrastination. Augustine is known to have said that he would turn his life over to God, but not just yet. He wanted more time to live life as he pleased. Was he awake or asleep here? Where am I in my journey? Where do I knowingly put off making the changes I need to make? Where am I simply asleep and unaware of the invitation to change being offered to me? Augustine had his mother keeping watch with him, praying him into awareness. We begin to know what it means to be the Body of Christ when we begin to keep watch for one another.

"It is never too late to become what you might have been.

George Eliot