

St. Monica

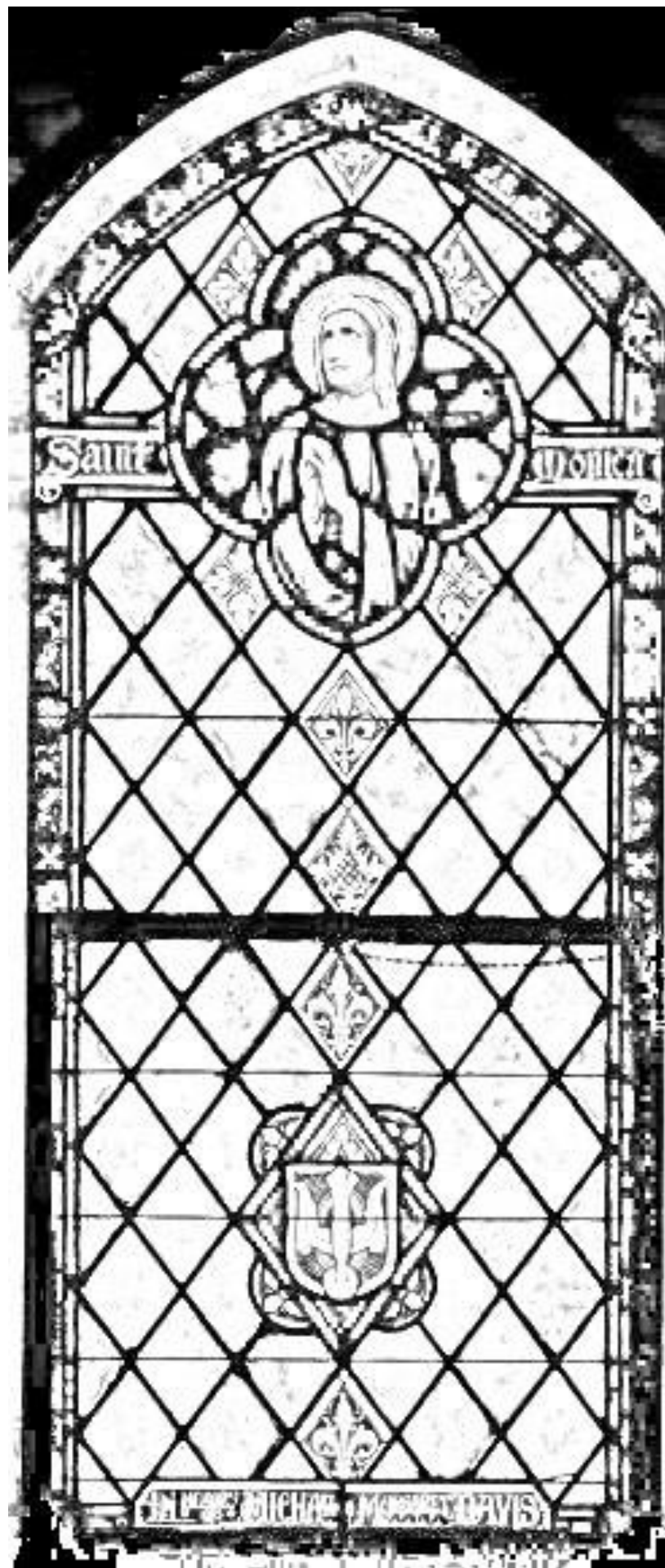
Feast Day: August 27th

Patron Saint of: Married women, mothers,
conversion

Born in: 331 A.D.

Died in: 387 A.D.

St. Monica was the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo who was married off to a pagan man at a very young age. Her husband's parents did not treat her very well but she continued to pray for them and loved them. She kept praying to God that they will come to believe in God and one day, one year before her husband died, they did! But her son was still not believing... But, after years of prayer, her prayer was finally answered and her son came to believe.



St. Augustine

Feast Day: August 28th

Patron Saint of: Theologians and students

Born in: 354 A.D.

Died in: 430 A.D.

St. Augustine was the son of St. Monica who did not always believe in God. As a teenager Augustine was sent to Carthage to study and became a great student. He later became a teacher. Even though he was good at his studies, St. Augustine could not come to know his faith through them. Under the guidance of his teachers, especially St. Ambrose, he came to believe in the Christian God. St. Augustine later became a bishop himself and wrote several books and essays about the faith. One of his most favorite books is his *Confessions*.

