



This weekend January 24th, our parish blesses a new icon of St. Augustine of Hippo, that was generously painted for us by Karen S. Webster. While our pastor made a modest personal contribution towards some of the materials, the great many hours of planning and work are all from Karen. This likeness of Augustine is inspired by two ancient frescos considered to be the oldest images of this North African Berber saint, showing him as a man living in the Roman world of late antiquity. In the open Bible we see a text from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans that translates: *"Let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and licentiousness, not in rivalry and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh."* (Romans 13:13-14). This is a passage that convicted St. Augustine, prompting him to turn from a dissolute life, and thereafter seek conversion and baptism. Around the frame of the icon is a famous quote from Augustine that has been translated: *"You hast made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in you"* (Confessions). We are so grateful for Karen, for this new treasure for our Parish, and we are so pleased to have so much talent here at Our Lady of the Mountains.

St. Augustine, pray for us.