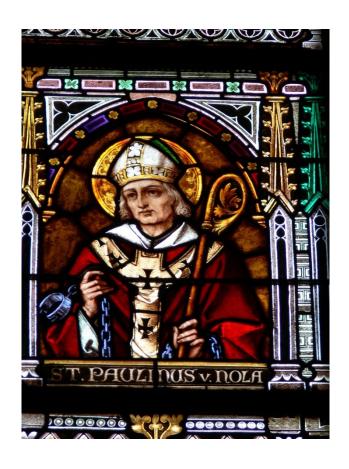
SAINT PAULINUS OF NOLA

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About Saint Paulinus of Nola (355-431)

Saint Paulinus of Nola was born in Bordeaux, in France, into a family that was rich and powerful. He received training in poetry and rhetoric and had a successful political career which led him to being the governor of an Italian province.

After completing his political term, he returned to France and married a Spanish lady, who had a vision of living a strictly evangelical life. He was baptized in the year 389 and moved to Spain. After the death of his son he gave away all his possessions and started living a monastic life. He was ordained in the year 394, in Barcelona. His ordination came about in no small way due to insistence of the people living there. He then moved back to Italy, to Nola, in the province where he was once the governor. He continued living his monastic life there and set up a hospice for the sick and poor. He became the Bishop of Nola and died in the year 431.

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What can we learn from Saint Paulinus of Nola?

Saint Paulinus was born into a rich family and had a very successful political career. However, he realized that he was called to do more with his life. He wasn't able to achieve that overnight, but slowly and surely he heard the Lord's call to serve Him and His people. We must be open to what the Lord calls us to each of our lives.

Everything we have on earth is a blessing from the Lord. However, we must realize that our possession of such things is only temporary. How much or how little we have is not so much an issue as much as what we do with what we have. The Lord expects us to share our bounty with others so that they too may be provided for and so that they may see His goodness just as we have.

Prayer Resources

COLLECT

O God, who made the Bishop Saint Paulinus of Nola outstanding for love of poverty and for pastoral care, graciously grant that, as we celebrate his merits, we may imitate the example of his charity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

GOSPEL Luke 12:32-34

It has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

Communion Antiphon

cf. Jn 10:11

The Good Shepherd has laid down his life for his sheep.

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A Hymn for the Memorial of Saint Paulinus of Nola

- 1. Saint Paulinus of Nola, born to riches and fame, into politics you went, Governor you became. Worldly things would not fulfill what you had really sought: to the Lord you gave your life in every deed and thought.
- 2. Saint Paulinus of Nola, a pastor called to be, to shepherd the Lord's people in your community. You were a great example: embracing poverty; your life of pastoral care, model of charity.
- 3. Saint Paulinus of Nola, you show us how to share, the mission of Christ's Gospel, of others' needs aware.

 May we respond with great joy to our neighbour's request: by serving them in their need our true faith is expressed.

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