

Saint of the Week

for January 28

Although our saint was nicknamed “Dumb Ox” by classmates when he was pursuing his doctorate, he became known as one of THE GREATEST and MOST INFLUENTIAL theologians in the Church!

At age 5, his parents brought him to the Benedictine Monastery in Monte Cassino, Italy, to be educated. He had other plans after going to college in Naples, where he was influenced by philosophers like Aristotle and met members of the recently formed Order of Preachers (Dominicans).

Kidnapped by his brothers per their mom’s request, in an attempt to tear him away from the Dominicans, she later arranged for him to secretly escape to save the family’s reputation.

After ordination, he was a professor in Paris and became the head of 2 Dominican schools.



He was also a prolific writer, best known for his **writings on faith and reason**. His final unfinished book, the ***Summa Theologica***, is considered a must read classic for anyone who wants to understand the faith (although it’s not a quick read). He stopped working on it in December of 1273 and died March 7, 1274.

In 1969, his feast day was changed from March 7 to January 28 (the day his remains were brought to a church in Toulouse) because his Feast typically took place during the Season of Lent.

He is a Doctor of the Church, and Angelic Doctor.

Patron Saint of: Colleges, Catholic Schools, Students