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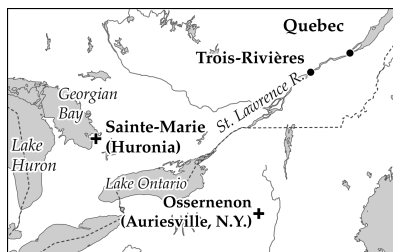
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026 MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

FEATURED SAINTS FEAST DAY

October 19: Sts. Isaac Jogues, John de Brébeuf and Companions were the first martyrs of North America recognized by the Church. St. John de Brébeuf worked among the Huron people and wrote a catechism and a dictionary in their language. In 1642 St. Isaac Jogues set out from Trois-Rivières and was captured on the St. Lawrence River. He was held captive for more than a year by the Mohawks at Ossernenon, now Auriesville, New York, and was killed there on October 18, 1646. St. René Goupil and St. John de Lalande also died at Ossernenon. St. John de Brébeuf died near Georgian Bay in 1649. These eight martyrs were canonized in 1930.



Rough map of the martyrs' mission lands. + = Sainte-Marie among the Hurons (mission) and Ossernenon (martyrdom site).



St. Isaac Jogues (Library of Congress, 1904)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I shall go, and shall not return."

—St. Isaac Jogues, 1646

PRAYER TO ST. ISAAC JOGUES

Saint Isaac Jogues! By thy preaching and by thy blood, the eternal Word did consecrate the first-fruits of the faith in the vast regions of North America. Pray for us, O martyr of Christ, that by the example of our lives, we may bring others to follow Christ and so assist in increasing the harvest of souls, sown by thee in America. Amen.

(Mothers for Priests brochure NM2)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: Why did St. Isaac Jogues need a pope's permission to say Mass?

A: His captors had cut and chewed off parts of his fingers; Pope Urban VIII gave him a special dispensation.

Mary, Queen of martyrs, Pray for us.

Recommended Prayer Brochure: NM2 Litany of North American Martyrs



Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 12:13-21, October 19, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

P H I T A V C M N I J I O K O
O A C M R K T E A C H E R C N
S R R S M E P A R A B L E M G
S V O B S E A W L G R A G U O
E E W O I J R S O T O K R I O
S S D F P T W R U N T R A N D
S T G M R L R R Y R H V I C S
I N H E R I T A N C E O N C U
O A J U D G E T T G R E E D H
N M W M V O O N F O O L K V J
S L K B M F M D D P R U H G G

Someone in the **CROWD** said to Jesus,
“**TEACHER**, tell my **BROTHER** to share the
INHERITANCE with me.”
He replied to him,
“**FRIEND**, who appointed me as your **JUDGE**
and **ARBITRATOR**?”
Then he said to the crowd,
“Take care to guard against all **GREED**,
for though one may be **RICH**,
one’s life does not consist of **POSSESSIONS**.”
Then he told them a **PARABLE**.
“There was a rich man whose land produced a
bountiful **HARVEST**.
He asked himself, ‘What shall I do,
for I do not have space to store my harvest?’
And he said, ‘This is what I shall do:

I shall tear down my **BARN**s and build larger
ones.
There I shall store all my **GRAIN** and other
GOODS
and I shall say to myself, “Now as for you,
you have so many good things stored up for
many years,
rest, eat, drink, be **MERRY**!”
But **GOD** said to him,
‘You **FOOL**, this night your life will be
demanded of you;
and the things you have prepared, to whom
will they belong?’
Thus will it be for the one who stores up
TREASURE for himself
but is not rich in what matters to God.”

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), Monday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time.

FROM THE CATECHISM

522. How does one bear witness to the truth?

A Christian must bear witness to the truth of the Gospel in every field of his activity, both public and private, and also if necessary, with the sacrifice of his very life. Martyrdom is the supreme witness given to the truth of the faith.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 522