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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026 MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

FEATURED SAINT FEAST DAY

October 20: St. Paul of the Cross

was born in northern Italy in 1694. After a short time as a soldier, he gave himself to prayer and to devotion to the Passion of Christ. In 1720 he founded the Congregation of the Passion, known as the Passionists. He was one of the most popular preachers of his day, known for his words and his generous acts of mercy. He died in 1775 and was canonized in 1867.



St. Paul of the Cross, engraving. Wellcome Collection, CC BY 4.0

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The Passion of Jesus Christ is the greatest and most overwhelming work of God’s love.”

—St. Paul of the Cross

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: Passionists add a fourth vow to poverty, chastity and obedience. What is it?

A: To spread the memory of Christ’s Passion among the faithful.

ON THIS DATE IN CATHOLIC CHURCH HISTORY

October 20, 1939: Pope Pius XII issued his encyclical *Summi Pontificatus*, “On the Unity of Human Society,” in the first year of his pontificate.

LITANY OF THE PASSION

Jesus, unknown and despised, Have mercy on me. ... O Good Jesus, Who has suffered an infinity of insults and humiliations for love of me, imprint deeply on my heart a great love and appreciation for them, and the desire to endure them willingly for Thee. Amen.

(by St. Margaret Mary; St. Lucy Prayer Book)

FROM THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY

✠ **St. Cornelius the Centurion**, baptized by St. Peter, first of the Gentiles.

✠ **St. Maria Bertilla Boscardin**, nursing sister at Treviso, Italy.

Mary, Comforter of the afflicted, Pray for us.

Recommended Prayer Brochure: Rosary brochure Joyful Mysteries



Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 12:35-38, October 20, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

JESUS said to his DISCIPLES:

“GIRD your LOINS and LIGHT your LAMPS

and be like SERVANTS who await their MASTER’s RETURN from a WEDDING, ready to open immediately when he comes and KNOCKS.

BLESSED are those servants whom the master finds VIGILANT on his ARRIVAL.

Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them RECLINE at TABLE, and proceed to wait on them.

And should he come in the second or third WATCH and find them PREPARED in this way, blessed are those servants.”

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

FROM THE CATECHISM

122. What are the results of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross?

Jesus freely offered his life as an expiatory sacrifice, that is, he made reparation for our sins with the full obedience of his love unto death. This love “to the end” (John 13:1) of the Son of God reconciled all of humanity with the Father. The paschal sacrifice of Christ, therefore, redeems humanity in a way that is unique, perfect, and definitive; and it opens up for them communion with God.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 122