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MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

SAINTS OF THE DAY

October 25: the Roman Martyrology remembers two pairs of martyrs.

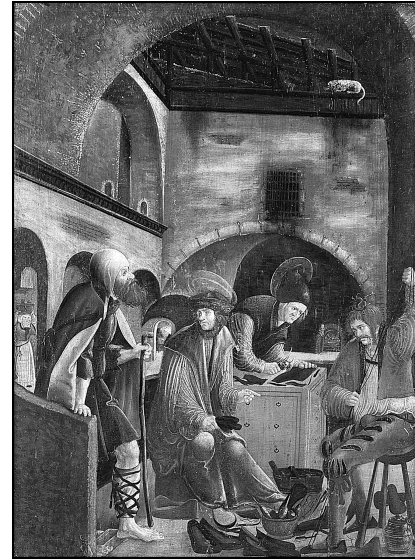
Sts. Crispin and Crispinian died for Christ at Soissons in France under the Emperor Diocletian, about the year 285. In the sixth century a great church was built over their graves. They are the patron saints of shoemakers.

Legend: They were brothers from Rome who preached in Gaul and made shoes to support themselves and help the poor. Thrown into the river Aisne with millstones on their necks, they swam safely to the other bank.

Sts. Chrysanthus and Daria were Roman martyrs buried on the Via Salaria. Pope St. Damasus honored their tomb with verses in their praise.

ON THIS DATE IN CATHOLIC CHURCH HISTORY

October 25, 1970: Pope St. Paul VI canonized the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.



Sts. Crispin and Crispinian in their shoemaker's shop, Master of the Crispin Legend (c. 1520)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Thy threats do not terrify us, for Christ is our life, and death is our gain."

—*Sts. Crispin and Crispinian, in their legend*

AN ACT OF LOVE

O my God, because You are infinite goodness and worthy of infinite love, I love You with my whole heart above all things, and for love of You I love my neighbor as myself. I forgive all who have offended me and ask pardon of all whom I have offended. Amen.

(*St. Lucy Prayer Book*)

Mary, Mother most amiable, Pray for us.

Recommended Prayer Brochure: RG4 Holy Rosary Guide



Sunday Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Matthew 22:34-40, October 25, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

When the **PHARISEES** heard that Jesus had
SILENCED the **SADDUCEES**,
they **GATHERED** together, and one of them,
a **SCHOLAR** of the law **TESTED** him by
asking,
“**TEACHER**, which **COMMANDMENT** in
the law is the **GREATEST**?”
He said to him,
“You shall **LOVE** the Lord, your God,

with all your **HEART**,
with all your **SOUL**,
and with all your **MIND**.
This is the greatest and the **FIRST**
commandment.
The **SECOND** is like it:
You shall love your **NEIGHBOR** as yourself.
The whole law and the **PROPHETS**
DEPEND on these two commandments.”

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: Sts. Crispin and Crispinian are the patron saints of which trades?

A: Shoemakers, saddlers and tanners.

FROM THE CATECHISM

435. How did Jesus interpret the Law?

Jesus interpreted the Law in the light of the twofold yet single commandment of love, the fullness of the Law: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets” (Matthew 22:37-40).

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 435