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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 8 **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

SAINTS OF THE DAY

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

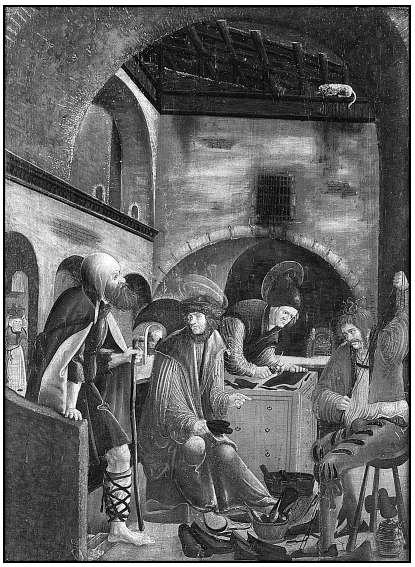
Sts. Crispin and Crispinian died for Christ at Soissons in France under the Emperor Diocletian, about the year 285. In the sixth century a great church was built over their graves. They are the patron saints of shoemakers.

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)

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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

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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 9 **MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

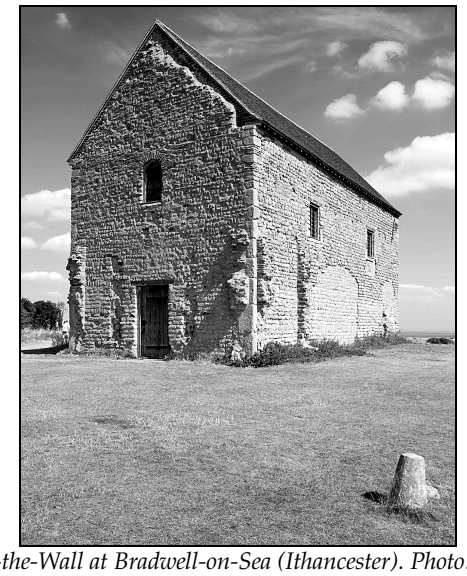
TODAY'S SAINT

October 26: no saint on the U.S. calendar. From the Roman Martyrology:

St. Cedd, Bishop, was raised at Lindisfarne under St. Aidan; his brother was St. Chad. In 653 he went to preach to the Middle Angles, then to the East Saxons of Essex, where he was made bishop. He founded monasteries at Tilbury, at Ithancester (Bradwell-on-Sea) and at Lastingham in Yorkshire, where he died of the plague on October 26, 664.



Rough map of St. Cedd's England. ✚ = Lindisfarne (where he was raised) and his monasteries at Bradwell (Ithancester), Tilbury and Lastingham.



Chapel of St. Peter-on-the-Wall at Bradwell-on-Sea (Ithancester). Photo: Jim Osley, CC BY-SA 2.0

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ."

—Pope St. John Paul II, October 22, 1978

FROM THE LORICA OF ST. PATRICK

I arise today: Through God's strength to pilot me; God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me … God's shield to protect me, God's hosts to save me …

(St. Lucy Prayer Book)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: At which famous synod, in 664, did St. Cedd act as interpreter for both sides?
A: The Synod of Whitby.

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Mary, Health of the sick, *Pray for us.*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: HA4 Prayers to Holy Angels

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 13:10-17, October 26, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Jesus was teaching in a **SYNAGOGUE** on the **SABBATH**.
And a **WOMAN** was there who for **EIGHTEEN** years
had been **CRIPPLED** by a spirit;
she was bent over, completely incapable of standing erect.
When Jesus saw her, he called to her and said,
"Woman, you are set free of your **INFIRMITY**."
He laid his **HANDS** on her,
and she at once stood up **STRAIGHT** and **GLORIFIED** God.
But the **LEADER** of the synagogue,
INDIGNANT that Jesus had cured on the sabbath,
said to the crowd in reply,
"There are six days when work should be done.
Come on those days to be cured, not on the sabbath day."
The Lord said to him in reply, "**HYPOCRITES**!
Does not each one of you on the sabbath
untie his ox or his ass from the **MANGER**
and lead it out for watering?
This **DAUGHTER** of **ABRAHAM**,
whom **SATAN** has bound for eighteen years now,
ought she not to have been set free on the sabbath day
from this bondage?"
When he said this, all his adversaries were humiliated;
and the whole crowd **REJOICED** at all the **SPLENDID** deeds done by him.

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

From the Catechism

173. In what sense is the Church missionary?

The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, continues the mission of Christ himself in the course of history. Christians must, therefore, proclaim to everyone the Good News borne by Christ; and, following his path, they must be ready for self-sacrifice, even unto martyrdom.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 173

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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 10 **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

TODAY'S SAINT

October 27: no saint on the U.S. calendar. From the Roman Martyrology:

Pope St. Evaristus was the fourth successor of St. Peter as Bishop of Rome, after St. Clement. He led the Church of Rome under the Emperor Trajan, for about eight years at the end of the first century and the beginning of the second. He was laid to rest on the Vatican Hill, near the tomb of St. Peter. He died about the year 107.

Legend: A later book, the Liber Pontificalis, says he was the son of a Jewish father from Bethlehem, and that he gave the churches of Rome to its priests. His martyrdom is a tradition that history cannot prove.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: St. Otteran of Iona, named in today's Martyrology, is patron of which Irish city?
A: Waterford, chosen by its Viking settlers in 1096.



Pope St. Evaristus, Sandro Botticelli, Sistine Chapel (1481)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I am the wheat of God, and let me be ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found the pure bread of Christ."

—St. Ignatius of Antioch (October 17), martyred under Trajan

PRAYER BY ST. CLEMENT OF ROME

We beseech You, Master, to be our helper and protector. Save the afflicted among us; Have mercy on the lowly; Raise up the fallen; Appear to the needy; Heal the ungodly; Restore the wanderers of Your people; Feed the hungry; Ransom our prisoners; Raise up the sick; Comfort the faint-hearted.

(St. Lucy Prayer Book)

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Mary, Mother of Divine Grace, *Pray for us.*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: HR8 Rosary of Intercession-20 Decade

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 13:18-21, October 27, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Jesus said, "What is the **KINGDOM** of God like?
To what can I **COMPARE** it?
It is like a **MUSTARD SEED** that a man took and **PLANTED** in the **GARDEN**.
When it was fully **GROWN**, it became a **LARGE BUSH**
and the **BIRDS** of the **SKY** dwelt in its **BRANCHES**."

Again he said, "To what shall I compare the Kingdom of God?
It is like **YEAST** that a **WOMAN** took
and mixed in with three **MEASURES** of **WHEAT FLOUR**
until the whole **BATCH** of **DOUGH** was **LEAVENED**."

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

From the Roman Martyrology

✚ **St. Thraseas,** Bishop of Eumenia in Phrygia, martyred at Smyrna.
✚ **St. Gaudiosus,** African bishop who fled the Vandals and died in a monastery at Naples.
✚ **St. Otteran,** monk of Iona, one of the first disciples of St. Columba.

From the Catechism

182. What is the mission of the Pope?

The Pope, Bishop of Rome and the Successor of Saint Peter, is the perpetual, visible source and foundation of the unity of the Church. He is the vicar of Christ, the head of the College of bishops and pastor of the universal Church over which he has by divine institution full, supreme, immediate, and universal power.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 182

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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 11 **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

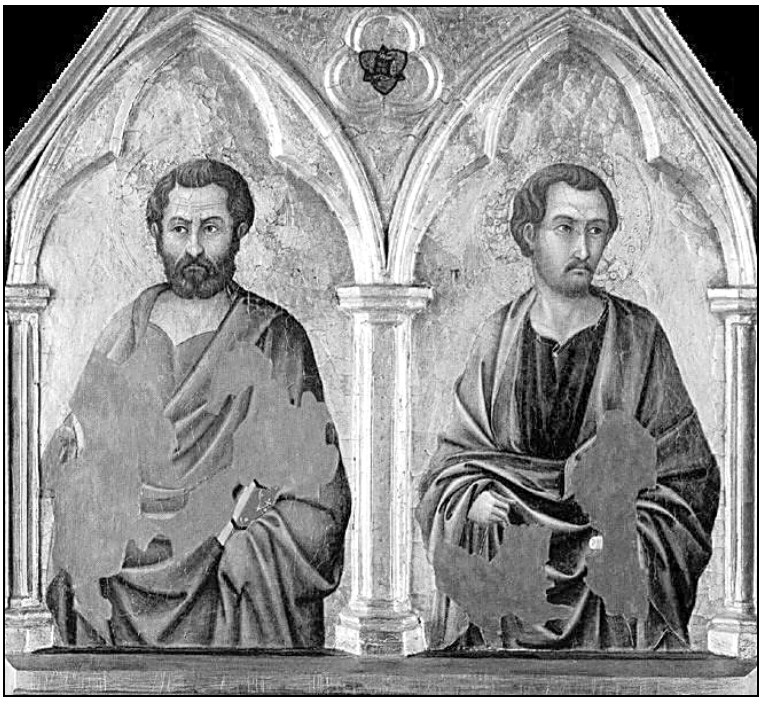
TODAY'S FEAST

October 28: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles. Simon is named in all four lists of the Apostles, and twice he is called "the Zealot." Jude is called Jude by St. Luke and Thaddeus by Sts. Matthew and Mark. Apart from the lists of the Twelve, the Gospels say little about them.

At the Last Supper Jude asked the Lord a question, and Jesus answered him with the promise that the Father and the Son would come and dwell with those who love him. St. Jude is the patron saint of desperate situations.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: Where are the relics of Sts. Simon and Jude kept?
A: In St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, beneath the altar of St. Joseph.



Sts. Simon and Jude Thaddeus, Ugolino di Nerio (1324–25), National Gallery, London

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Master, [then] what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?"

—St. Jude at the Last Supper (John 14:22)

FROM THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. … Holy Mary, pray for us. … St. Peter, pray for us. St. Paul, pray for us. … St. Simon, pray for us. St. Jude, pray for us. … All you holy Apostles and Evangelists, pray for us.

(St. Lucy Prayer Book)

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Mary, Queen of apostles, *Pray for us.*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: Rosary brochure Joyful Mysteries

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 6:12-16, October 28, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Jesus went up to the **MOUNTAIN** to pray,
and he spent the **NIGHT** in **PRAYER** to God.
When day came, he called his **DISCIPLES** to himself,
and from them he chose **TWELVE**, whom he also named **APOSTLES**:
SIMON, whom he named **PETER**, and his brother **ANDREW**,
JAMES, **JOHN**, **PHILIP**, **BARTHOLOMEW**, **MATTHEW**,
THOMAS, James the son of **ALPHAEUS**,
Simon who was called a **ZEALOT**,
and **JUDAS** the son of James,
and Judas Iscariot, who became a **TRAITOR**.

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles.

On This Date in Catholic Church History

October 28, 1958: Cardinal Angelo Roncalli, Patriarch of Venice, was elected pope and took the name John XXIII.

From the Catechism

175. In what does the mission of the Apostles consist?

The Word "Apostle" means "one who is sent". Jesus, the One sent by the Father, called to himself twelve of his disciples and appointed them as his Apostles, making them the chosen witnesses of his Resurrection and the foundation of his Church. He gave them the command to continue his own mission saying, "As the Father has sent me, so I also send you" (John 20:21); and he promised to remain with them until the end of the world.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 175

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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 12 **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

TODAY'S SAINT

October 29: no saint on the U.S. calendar. From the Roman Martyrology:

St. Narcissus, Bishop of Jerusalem, is praised for his holiness, patience and faith. With Pope St. Victor he taught that Easter must always be kept on a Sunday. When wicked men slandered him, he left and lived alone in the desert for many years. Later he came back and was asked to lead the Church again. In his old age St. Alexander was made bishop with him. He lived to be 116.

Legend: St. Eusebius tells that once at the Easter Vigil the lamp oil ran out. Narcissus prayed over water, and it was changed into oil for the lamps.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: Where had St. Alexander already been a bishop before he joined St. Narcissus?
A: In Cappadocia. It is the first recorded case of a bishop moving to another see.



St. Narcissus, stained glass, Saint-Barthélémy, Bénévent-l'Abbaye. Photo: GFreihalter, CC BY-SA 3.0

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Narcissus salutes you … being one hundred and sixteen years of age; and he exhorts you, as I do, to be of one mind."

—St. Alexander, his fellow bishop (Eusebius, Church History VI.11)

AN ACT OF HOPE

O my God, trusting in Your promises and because You are faithful, powerful and merciful, I hope, through the merits of Jesus Christ, for the pardon of my sins, final perseverance and the blessed glory of heaven. Amen.

(St. Lucy Prayer Book)

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Mary, Tower of David, *Pray for us.*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: GR1 Our Lady of Good Remedy

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 13:31-35, October 29, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Some **PHARISEES** came to Jesus and said,
"Go away, leave this area because **HEROD** wants to kill you."
He replied, "Go and tell that **FOX**,
'Behold, I cast out **DEMONS** and I perform **HEALINGS TODAY** and **TOMORROW**,
and on the third day I accomplish my **PURPOSE**.
Yet I must continue on my way today, tomorrow, and the following day,
for it is impossible that a **PROPHET** should die
outside of **JERUSALEM**.'
"Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
you who kill the prophets and **STONE** those sent to you,
how many times I **YEARNED** to gather your **CHILDREN** together
as a **HEN** gathers her **BROOD** under her **WINGS**,
but you were unwilling!
Behold, your **HOUSE** will be abandoned.
But I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say,
BLESSED is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), Thursday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time.

From the Catechism

206. What does it mean to die in Christ Jesus?

Dying in Christ Jesus means to die in the state of God's grace without any mortal sin. A believer in Christ, following his example, is thus able to transform his own death into an act of obedience and love for the Father. "This saying is sure: if we have died with him, we will also live with him" (2 Timothy 2:11).

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 206

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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 13 **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

TODAY'S SAINT

October 30: no saint on the U.S. calendar. From the Roman Martyrology:

St. Marcellus, a Christian centurion in the Roman army, would not take part in the pagan sacrifices for the Emperor Maximian's birthday in the year 298. In front of his company he threw down his military belt, his arms and his vine staff, the badge of a centurion, saying that he was a soldier of Jesus Christ, the eternal King. He was sent to Tangier in Africa, sentenced to death and beheaded on October 30. His relics were later taken to León in Spain.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: Which court clerk was martyred for refusing to write down St. Marcellus's death sentence?
A: St. Cassian of Tangier (feast December 3).



Altarpiece and shrine of St. Marcellus, Church of San Marcelo, León, Spain. Photo: Bocachete, public domain

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I said aloud that I was a Christian, and could serve no other than Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

—St. Marcellus, to his judge (Butler's Lives)

SAINT MICHAEL PRAYER

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

(St. Lucy Prayer Book)

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Mary, Virgin most powerful, *Pray for us.*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: M14 MI Consecration Prayer

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 14:1-6, October 30, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

On a **SABBATH** Jesus went to **DINE**
at the **HOME** of one of the **LEADING PHARISEES**,
and the **PEOPLE** there were **OBSERVING** him **CAREFULLY**.
In front of him there was a man suffering from **DROPSY**.
Jesus spoke to the **SCHOLARS** of the law and Pharisees in reply, asking,
"Is it **LAWFUL** to **CURE** on the sabbath or not?"
But they kept **SILENT**; so he took the man and,
after he had **HEALED** him, **DISMISSED** him.
Then he said to them
"Who among you, if your son or ox falls into a **CISTERN**,
would not immediately pull him out on the sabbath day?"
But they were unable to answer his **QUESTION**.

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), Friday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time.

From the Catechism

443. What is the meaning of the words of our Lord, "Adore the Lord your God and worship Him alone" (Matthew 4:10)?

These words mean to adore God as the Lord of everything that exists; to render to him the individual and community worship which is his due; to pray to him with sentiments of praise, of thanks, and of supplication; to offer him sacrifices, above all the spiritual sacrifice of one's own life, united with the perfect sacrifice of Christ; and to keep the promises and vows made to him.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 443

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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 14 **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

SAINTS OF THE DAY

October 31: Eve of All Saints. From the Roman Martyrology:

St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, born at Segovia, Spain, in 1532, lost his wife and all three children. At about forty he became a Jesuit brother and for many years was porter of the college at Majorca, where many came to him for advice, among them St. Peter Claver. He died on October 31, 1617.

St. Wolfgang, a Benedictine monk, was Bishop of Regensburg from 972 until his death on October 31, 994.

Legend: Wolfgang threw his axe into the forest and built his hermit's cell where it fell.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: Which Little Office did St. Alphonsus Rodriguez help to make popular?
A: The Little Office of the Immaculate Conception.



The Vision of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, Francisco de Zurbarán (1630)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"… wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church."

—St. Ignatius of Antioch (October 17)

ANCIENT PRAYER TO MARY

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but from all dangers deliver us always, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

(St. Lucy Prayer Book)

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Mary, Gate of Heaven, *Pray for us.*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: Supplication of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 14:1, 7-11, October 31, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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On a **SABBATH** Jesus went to dine
at the home of one of the leading **PHARISEES**,
and the people there were observing him carefully.
He told a **PARABLE** to those who had been **INVITED**,
noticing how they were choosing the **PLACES** of **HONOR** at the **TABLE**.
"When you are invited by someone to a **WEDDING BANQUET**,
do not **RECLINE** at table in the place of honor.
A more distinguished **GUEST** than you may have been invited by him,
and the **HOST** who invited both of you may approach you and say,
'Give your place to this man,'
and then you would proceed with embarrassment
to take the **LOWEST** place.
Rather, when you are invited,
go and take the lowest place
so that when the host comes to you he may say,
'My **FRIEND**, move up to a **HIGHER POSITION**.'
Then you will enjoy the esteem of your **COMPANIONS** at the table.
For everyone who **EXALTS** himself will be **HUMBLED**,
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), Saturday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time.

From the Catechism

194. What is the meaning of the "communion of saints"?

This expression indicates first of all the common sharing of all the members of the Church in holy things (sancta): the faith, the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, the charisms, and the other spiritual gifts. At the root of this communion is love which "does not seek its own interests" (1 Corinthians 13:5) but leads the faithful to "hold everything in common" (Acts 4:32), even to put one's own material goods at the service of the most poor.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 194