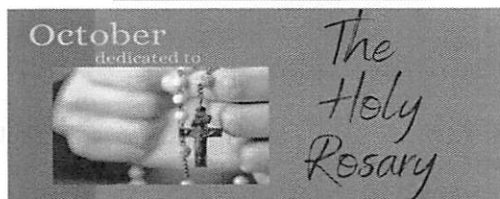


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Saturday & Sunday Masses

Weekday Masses

* Monday—Friday: 7:30AM

* Saturday: 8AM

Saturday Vigil Masses

* Vigil Mass : 4:00PM

Sunday Masses

* Spanish Mass: 9:00AM

* English Mass: 11:00AM

* English Mass: 5:00PM

Confessions: Saturday: 3:00PM-4:00PM

Sunday: 30 minutes before all Masses



Celebration of Sacraments

Baptism: Parents may register their child for baptism at the parish office. Please turn in necessary paperwork **two (2) weeks prior to class**. Baptism Classes will be the 2nd Tuesday of every month. **Next Class will be October 20th.** Baptisms are done on the fourth Sunday of the Month.

Marriage: Contact Parish Priest/Office at least **six (6) months** before the proposed wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Priest /Office when a parishioner is seriously ill and/or is scheduled for major surgery. Emergency phone-505-604-9778.

There will be Communion Service **only** on Tuesday, October 13th—Friday, October 16th at 7:30am. There will be NO daily Mass these days.

Fr. Dale will be at the Priest Convocation.

Keep all Priests in your daily prayers.

Sunday Collection for

October 4, 2026: \$5,788.00

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Envelopes used: 116

Turquillo Mission: \$550.00

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Altar Society:

October 12, 2026

Inez Abeyta/Jessica Espinoza Cisneros

**There will be a 2nd Collection on
Sunday, October 18th for Mission
Sunday**



We would like to congratulate our newest couple on their Sacrament of Holy Matrimony:

Mr. & Mrs. Austin & Santiana Montoya

May the Lord bless your marriage with good health & happiness!!

**DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN IS: TUESDAY AT
12 PM IN WRITING, PLEASE!**

SATURDAY— October 10**4PM Vigil Rainsville Mass****Celebrant: Fr. Dale**

- * Health of Tony Pacheco + Christella Pacheco & Antonio Pacheco /by Raymond & Gina Pacheco
- + Repose of the souls of Seth & Amber Logan & Hayden Alter /by Ellen Hagaman

SUNDAY— October 11 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**9AM Mass****Celebrant: Fr. Dale**

- + Dcn Ray Cordova, Steven & Gabrielle Cordova /by Evelyn
- + In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the Holy Souls in Purgatory /by David & Barbara Kuehl
- + Chris Montoya /by Mom & Dad

11AM Mass**Celebrant: Fr. Dale****People of the Parish**

- + Tonie Trujillo (B-day) /by Fidel, Amanda & boys
- + Carolina & Carmen Olivas & Evangelina Gonzales /by Julia & Tomas Martinez
- + Phillip Bustos & Special Intention /by Marsha & Richard Bustos

5PM Mass**Celebrant: Fr. Dale**

- + Pedro, Guillermo & Reynaldo Martinez /by TC

Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Phil 4:12-14,19-20 Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

MONDAY— October 12**7:30AM Mass**

- + Bernabe Gallegos (1st Anniv)

Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1 Ps 113:1b-5a,6-7 Lk 11:29-32

TUESDAY— October 13**7:30AM Mass****Communion Service Only**

Gal 5:1-6 Ps 119:41,43-45,47-48 Lk 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY — October 14 Saint Callistus I, Pope, Martyr**7:30AM Mass****Communion Service Only**

Gal 25:18-25 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 11:42-46

THURSDAY— October 15 Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church**7:30am Mass****Communion Service Only**

Eph 1:1-10 Ps 98:1-6 Lk 11:47-54

FRIDAY— October 16 Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin**7:30am Mass****Communion Service Only**

Eph 1:11-14 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,12-13 Lk 12:1-7

SATURDAY— October 17 Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr**8am Mass**

Eph 1:15-23 Ps 8:2-3b,4-7 Lk 12:8-12

SATURDAY— October 17**4PM Vigil El Carmen Mass****Celebrant: Fr. Dale**

- + Mary Frances Aragon & Juan Aragon Jr. /by Danny & Vickie
- + Blessings & well being for Nathan, Erik & David Baker /by Ellen
- + Max, Wilfred, Alfonso, James & Charles Martinez /by Rosalita & Mike Benavidez

SUNDAY— October 18 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**9AM Mass****Celebrant: Fr. Dale**

- + Chris Montoya /by Mom & Dad
- + In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony & St. Francis for answered prayers /by Margaret & Joe Romero
- + In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the Holy Souls in Purgatory /by David & Barbara

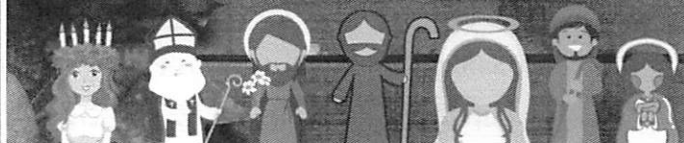
11AM Mass**Celebrant: Fr. Dale**

- + Alex Mora, Felisha Gurule, Dorothy Olivas & Ben Sanchez /by Inez
- + Ida Lujan (5th Anniv) /by family

5PM Mass**Celebrant: Fr. Dale****People of the Parish**

- + Amadeo, Sara & Esequiel Martinez /by TC

Is 45:1,4-6 Ps 96:1,3-5,7-10 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

**"DID YOU KNOW HALLOWEEN WAS
ORIGINALLY CATHOLIC?"****THE WORD 'HALLOWEEN' MEANS
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Saturday 4pm Mass will NOT be at St. Gertrude but in the Missions
at 4pm. (Confessions @ 3:30)

El Carmen Mass
Nuestra Senora de Padua
October 17th
4pm

Ledoux Mass
San Jose
October 24th
4pm

St. Gertrude Funcion
St. Gertrude
November 15th
4pm

San Raphael Mission would like to thank everyone
who helped with our yearly raffle.

1st prize: Bea Richards (\$150 Assorted Beef)

2nd prize: Linda Martinez (Capet Cleaner)

3rd prize: Dennis Lewis (3 piece folding Bistro Set)

Adoration Chapel: The Chapel is now open 24 hours. Anyone who wants to devote an hour of adoration please contact Deacon Eloy at 505-948-6887 or Ellen Hagaman 505-504-4772.

Bible Study: Bible Study will be every Sunday after the 5pm Mass. Everyone Welcome.

Catechism: Classes are held on Tuesdays from 3:45 to 5pm at the Mora Elementary School.

Cemetery Plots: All plots need to be prearranged by Mission Mayordomos or the Church Office. Also please clean & maintain your family member's plot.

Charitable Giving: Charitable Giving is on Mondays from 10-12 & 1-3pm.

Commodities: The Commodities will be distributed on Tuesday, October 13th. [USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender]

Confirmation: Classes are held in the Pastoral Center on Mondays from 6:00 to 7:30pm.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at 9am in the Pastoral Center. If you're interested in joining the Legion please come and see what it's all about.

Men's Group: Men's group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Chapel at 7pm.

Music Ministry: The Music Ministry will meet every second Wednesday of the month at 6pm in the Parish Hall. All Choir members please plan to attend. All interested in music ministry are welcome.

OCIA: Classes are held in the Pastoral Center on Tuesdays at 6pm.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society will be praying the rosary at 8:30 on the first Sunday of every month.

WINGS (Women In Need of God): The Wings group meets every Friday at 12pm in the Pastoral Center for faith and fellowship. Please join us.

Ministry Schedule

October 17th 4pm

El Carmen Mass

October 18th 9am

Lectors: Evelyn Cordova

Choir: Mi Señora de Guadalupe

Server:

EU Ministers: Dcn Eloy, Sr. Esperanza & Pauline Espinoza

Mavordomos: Garrick & Jessica Martinez

October 18th 11am

Lector: Anabelle Lopez

Choir: St. Francis

Server:

EU Ministers: Dcn Clarence, Patrick & Loretta Ashe

Mavordomos: William & Monica Romero

October 18th 5pm

Lector: Virginia Taylor

Choir: St. Therese

Server:

EU Ministers: Fidel Trujillo Jr.

Mavordomos: Jesus & Rhonda Baquera



*"Protecting the unborn. . .
Supporting the expectant mother."*

Please pray for 3 moms who are approaching their due dates. Pray for safe & healthy deliveries & recoveries.



The Beauty of Less

Most people think simplicity means having less. St Francis discovered it means needing less. There is a difference! Our world constantly tells us that more is better: more possessions, more commitments, more noise, more achievements. Yet St Francis discovered that by letting go of what was unnecessary, he gained more than he prayed for.

St Francis understood that the greatest clutter is not in our homes but in our souls. The soul becomes crowded with endless desires, old wounds, unnecessary fears, constant comparison, and the exhausting effort to control everything. Eventually, we become so surrounded by noise that we can no longer hear the quiet voice of God.

So St Francis began to remove whatever stood between his heart and Christ.

Simplicity is the courage to ask: What in my life is essential? Not everything that demands our attention deserves our attention. Not everything that is good is necessary. Not every opportunity is our vocation.

A simple heart is free. Free from the need to impress others. Free from endless comparison. Free from chasing things that cannot satisfy the soul.

Many people today feel exhausted not because they have too little, but because they are carrying too much: too many worries, too many distractions, too many expectations, too many voices competing for their attention.

The Franciscan path is not about escaping the world. It is about seeing clearly. When our lives become simpler, we begin to recognize God's presence in ordinary things: a conversation, a sunrise, a meal, a moment of prayer, a brother or sister in need.

St Francis invites us to ask:

* What can I let go of? * What truly matters? * What brings me closer to God? * What brings me closer to others?

We can simplify our lives by: - Creating space for daily silence and prayer - Reducing unnecessary purchases - Limiting the noise of social media/news

- Learning gratitude for what we already have

St Francis knew a secret that we often forget:

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Cordova, Jazzlyn Duran, Jeremiah Duran, Elias Duran, Virginia Duran, Anjelica
Espinoza, Lenae Casados-Garcia, Tom Headlee, Connie Krusemark, Nazario
Montoya, Cathy Pacheco, Raymond Pacheco, Ernest Quintana, Mario Romero Jr.,
Renee Romero, Rosie Serna, George Taylor, Virginia Taylor, Yolanda Trujillo,
Alice & Elidoro Vasquez, Evany Vasquez, Angela Witte

Pray for the people on our parish prayer list.

**If you or any family member are in need
of prayer and would like to get on the
Parish Prayer list please call the office at
575-387-2336 so we can add you.
Thank you!!**

**Respect Life
Month**



October 2026
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CARING FOR LOVED ONES AT LIFE'S END

*Surround them
with love,
support, and
companionship
that are “anchored
in unconditional
respect for their
human dignity,
beginning with
respect for the
inherent value of
their lives.”*

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An old Irish proverb says, “It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.” Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to “shelter” them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them.

1. Invite God In

Pope Francis has said that “praying in difficult situations is like opening the door to the Lord, in order that he might enter.”¹ The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ’s Resurrection. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you.

2. Listen

Try to discover your loved one’s values and how best to honor his or her wishes. This requires true empathy. It can be hard not to assume he or she wants the same thing you *think* you would want if you were in the same situation. Listen with a non-judgmental ear so your loved one feels free to speak openly.

3. Inform Yourself

Be aware that a person’s wishes for refusing ordinary or proportionate treatment²—or for pursuing assisted suicide—are usually rooted in fears of dependency, helplessness, or pain. Make yourself available to discuss these or any concerns. Know that hospice care focuses on alleviating pain and other symptoms, meeting basic needs, and providing comfort. Seek to understand the Catholic Church’s teaching on end-of-life care, which can help you provide authentically loving support that respects life.*

4. Be Steadfast in Compassion

As Pope Francis reminds us, “Compassion means ‘suffer with’.”³ Your friend or family member will likely face ups and downs. Recognize these as part of a natural process. Surround him or her with love, support, and companionship that are “anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives.”⁴ The patient’s suffering can be alleviated by your empathy, as well as by quality hospice care by medical personnel.

5. Help Them Achieve Closure

Help your family member or friend define the unfinished personal projects, financial concerns, unresolved relationships, or other matters that occupy his or her mind. Due to changing circumstances, some goals may need to be reframed. Creating and accomplishing this list of unfinished business can help the person discover a sense of purpose and feel more at peace.

6. Provide Opportunities for Resolution

Ira Byock, a hospice medical director, illustrates in his book *The 4 Most Important Things*** how saying “I love you,” “I’m sorry,” “I forgive you,” and “Thank you” can promote much-needed healing during the dying process. You can help ensure a peaceful transition for your loved one by facilitating opportunities for reconciliation with others and for mutual expressions of love and gratitude. Consider offering to invite a priest to hear his or her confession and to administer the Eucharist as viaticum⁵ and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, all of which heal the soul and prepare us to meet the Lord.

7. Reminisce

Our appetites may diminish as our bodies experience a decreased need for food and fluids when we near life’s end. Provide smaller amounts of your family member or friend’s favorite foods. Even if unable to eat them, he or she may still enjoy the aromas and reminisce with you about special memories they evoke. Think of other small comforts you can provide that would spark meaningful memories, like special photos or mementos.

8. Provide a Peaceful Presence

There comes a time of natural withdrawal from surroundings when dying persons may lose interest in many activities that used to be enjoyable. Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing. Hearing can become very acute, so placing the phone in another room, playing favorite music, reading a favorite passage, praying together, or simply sitting quietly with him or her can all be very soothing.

9. Show Tenderness

Those who are dying remain in need of the tenderness of personal human contact. Ask if you might gently brush your loved one’s hair, apply lotion to her hands or feet, or simply hold his hand. Tell stories, laugh, and share memories to reassure the person he or she is a cherished gift, not a burden in any way.

10. Bear Their Transition Patiently

Transition, the time immediately preceding death, may bring rapid physical changes, such as in breathing patterns, as well as changes in mental or emotional states. Try to be patient, and allow the “how” and “when” of death to be between God and your loved one. Ask God for the wisdom to know what final words to say—if any—and when. As you are able, give your loved one permission to make the transition. For example, you might say, “I love you. It’s okay to go home now.”

Accompanying a loved one in his or her last days is enormously important, but we do not need to fear our own limitations. Pope Francis tells us, “[God] comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others.”⁶

*As our bishops teach, “Respect for life does not demand that we attempt to prolong life by using medical treatments that are ineffective or unduly burdensome.”⁷ At the same time, intentionally hastening death—whether through drugs or deliberate neglect of basic care—offends our God-given dignity and is never morally permissible. More information: www.usccb.org/ToLiveEachDay

**References do not indicate endorsement.

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³ Pope Francis, *General Audience, Wednesday, April 22, 2016*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2016).

⁴ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide*, 10.

⁵ Viaticum is “the Eucharist received by a dying person. It is the spiritual food for one’s passing over to the Father from this world. With Penance and the Anointing

of the Sick, the reception of Holy Communion as Viaticum constitute the ‘last sacraments’ of the Christian.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, Glossary.) See also Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1331, 1392, 1517, 1524-25.

⁶ Pope Francis, *Misericordiae vultus*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2015), no. 14.

⁷ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide*, 10.

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One Minute Meditations

St. John Henry Newman

St. John's path to Roman Catholicism began when he read the Church Fathers while tutoring at Oxford University. After much prayer, study, and the guidance of a Passionist priest, he converted in 1845. He was ordained a priest in 1847 and founded an Oratory of St. Philip Neri in Birmingham. In 1879, he was nominated cardinal. His famous works include *A Grammar of Assent* and his *Apologia*. He spent his office writing and offering spiritual advice.

God is closer than you think

It's easy to take God's presence for granted because we already know He is everywhere. Yet His presence is personal and relational. He is with us because He wants to be with us. We see this throughout salvation history: in the Incarnation, His earthly ministry, the Cross, the Resurrection, and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

God seeks us, draws near to us, and remains with us. So whether your "today" feels like Good Friday, Easter Sunday, or an ordinary Tuesday, God is with you. And in the Eucharist, He invites you to draw near and be with Him.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing"
(John 15:5).

5 Ways St. Francis can help deepen your love for God

People often associate St. Francis with nature, peace, and simplicity. Yet his entire life was centered on God, His mysteries, and His love. His example offers five ways to encounter God's love more deeply:

Christ-centered life: St. Francis was a man deeply in love with God. He put honoring God first. He embraced radical poverty yet gladly accepted the finest vestments, altar linens, and vessels for the Mass. In imitation, we can ask ourselves often: "Does this honor God? Is it aligned with the Gospel?"

Seeing the person: Captivated by the Incarnation, St. Francis sought to treat each person as "another Christ," regardless of health, wealth, or status. We follow his example when we learn to see every person as a beloved child of God.

Delight in God's creation: St. Francis famously delighted in and cared for creation, praising it as God's handiwork. Even a sunset, flower, or beautiful landscape can become an invitation to

praise God and grow closer to Him.

Simplicity of life: Most of us aren't called to literally "leave everything" to follow Jesus. But we can declutter our homes, make room for silence, or limit digital distractions, freeing more of our attention for God and neighbor.

Humility of heart: St. Francis' humility flowed from his desire to love

"At all times and seasons, in every country and place, every day and all day, we must have a true and humble faith." —St. Francis of Assisi

the person before him. He wanted people to walk away knowing, "God loves me!" When we're with others, do we make the conversation about elevating ourselves, or about loving them?

St. Francis experienced God's love deeply and wanted everyone else to experience that same Love. His radical life points us back to the extravagant love of God and the life we're called to live in response.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church to praise God for His works and gifts and dedicate them to His service. While sacramentals take different forms, they involve the Church's prayer and often a blessing of a person, place, event, or object according to an approved rite. For example, wedding

Why do Catholics have items blessed?

rings are sacramentals; marriage is the Sacrament. The rings don't make the marriage sacramental but remind and encourage spouses to live their vocation faithfully. Sacramentals deepen our devotion, support us on the path to salvation, and prepare our hearts to receive God's grace.

Climb the mountain. Bring Jesus along.

Time in prayer is not a luxury or secondary to service, mission, or productivity. Nothing we do all day is more important than spending time with Jesus. Prayer gives life to our mission, and mission draws us back to prayer. We need both.

Climb the mountain: People may rightly say, "My work is my prayer." Yet spouses would struggle to stay close if they only met to divide the chores. In the same way, we need time with God apart from our work. Following Christ requires knowing Him. We sit at His feet and let Him teach us. In His presence, we learn to see as He sees, value what He values,

and love as He loves.

Return to the plains: We aren't meant to stay on the mountain. Jesus sends us back into ordinary life carrying what we received in prayer: a peaceful presence, a new insight, a kind word at the right moment. Some even begin the day by asking God to place in their path the people He wants them to encounter.

The Christian life moves between the mountain and the plain: drawing close to Jesus in prayer, then carrying His presence into the world. And in both places, He remains at our side.

from Scripture

Matthew 22:34-40, The Two Greatest Commandments

The Pharisees sought to test Jesus with a difficult and much-debated question. Jewish tradition identified 613 commandments in the Torah, and a lawyer asked Jesus to name the greatest. Of all the commandments governing Jewish life, which mattered most?

Jesus answered by going to the heart of them all: love God with your whole being, and love your neighbor as yourself. Everything begins and ends with love. And loving God means learning to love what, and whom, He loves. Jesus taught that these two

commandments are the foundation of the entire Law.

Loving God may seem easier than loving our neighbor. Loving others means welcoming people we might naturally exclude, dismiss, or avoid. Jesus drew near to sinners, outcasts, the sick, and even those who opposed Him. Our love of neighbor is tested especially in how we treat the poor, the vulnerable, the difficult, and even our enemies. This is how God loves, and He calls us to love the same way.

Q & A What is the Franciscan Crown?

The Franciscan Crown is a devotion that meditates on seven joys in Mary's life: the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Birth of Jesus, the Adoration of the Magi, the Finding of Jesus in the Temple, the Resurrection, and Mary's Assumption and Coronation as Queen of Heaven and Earth. The devotion is prayed using seven decades of Hail Marys and is also known as the Franciscan or Seraphic Rosary.

According to Franciscan tradition, the devotion began with a young man named James, who regularly wove crowns of roses to honor the Blessed Mother. After joining the Franciscans, he could no longer continue the practice and became so discouraged that he considered leaving the Order. Tradition holds that Mary appeared to James and gave him a new way to honor her: the Franciscan Crown.

Like the traditional Rosary, the Franciscan Crown is addressed to Mary but centered entirely on Jesus. By meditating on Mary's seven joys, we contemplate the joyful and miraculous events of Christ's life through the eyes of His mother. Rooted in the Gospel and marked by Franciscan simplicity, the Crown offers a distinctly Franciscan way to draw closer to Christ through Mary.

Feasts & Celebrations

October 2 – Feast of the Guardian Angels. All of us have a guardian angel in charge of protecting us and watching over us: *"For I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven"* (Matthew 18:10). Remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they have done in helping us.

October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary. Pope Gregory XIII named this feast because it was believed that Christians won a critical victory at the Battle of Lepanto after praying the Rosary.

October 15 – St. Teresa of Ávila (1582). Teresa joined the Carmelites, against her father's wishes. In 1563, she was inspired to reform her order. Despite serious opposition, she founded more than 17 convents of Discalced Carmelites

and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

October 16 – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1690). Margaret joined the Sisters of the Visitation at Paray-le-Monial when she was twenty-four. In 1674, she began having visions of Jesus Christ, in which He asked for a feast dedicated to His Sacred Heart to acknowledge His love for us and to encourage reparation for sins.

October 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist (First century). St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

October 19 – Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions (1649). Six Jesuits and two laymen became missionaries to Native American tribes in North America. After spending more than 20 years in a difficult ministry, St. John de Brebeuf won the Iroquois' respect by his valor in death. St. Isaac Jogues escaped only to return to his ministry but was also murdered.

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