

Some Thoughts for October, 2025
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Hello to you, October! You are the month of the Holy Rosary. Although you were named for the 8th month in the Roman Calendar, your name has remained as the 10th month in the Julian , or Christian calendar. Well, the acorns are making their grand entrance and in my apartment complex they have covered the parking lot and at night I hear them clinking down on my air conditioner which sits outside my window. I think God must especially love Oak trees as He's making sure we never run out of them. Also he made sure the squirrels and deer are well fed as they seem to thrive on acorns. I never tried one.

We start out on the 1st by honoring St. Therese of Lisieux, also known as "The Little Flower." It's said that when she answers prayers she somehow displays roses. It is also my grandson Tyler's 32nd birthday, who incidentally just became engaged. It seems like only yesterday that he was four years old, and he and I were fighting over the score of a T ball game. I wouldn't let him cheat. He never forgave me.

We celebrate St. Francis of Assisi on the 4th. His love of nature and all God's creatures is carried down through the centuries by our priests blessing our pets on his feast day. Also St. Francis thank you for depicting the first living Nativity scene in Greccio, Italy. St. Francis, please pray for us.

October 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Holy Mother please continue to intercede for us and our country to Our Blessed Lord.

One of our favorite saints, St. Theresa of Avila, doctor of the church has her feast day on the 15th. Also my great granddaughter, Shae, turns three years old. Maybe we'll start T Ball.

On the 22nd we celebrate St. John Paul II. He was such an inspiration to youth and such a promoter for freedom. How he loved his country, Poland, and spoke out against the communist rule of the day. He and President Reagan were very instrumental for the Berlin wall being torn down. Everyday we pray: Pope St. John, please pray for us and our country. Please stop the spread of communism, especially in our country.

On the 28th we celebrate the apostles St. Simon and St. Jude. We believe St. Jude to be a relative of Jesus and is powerful against hopeless causes. Simon was called the "Zealot" or the "Canaanite." His name suggests that he was a vigorous defender of the law. They both died as martyrs for the faith. Dear Simon and Jude, please pray for us and our families. May God bless us, each one and have a blessed October.

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