

ST. THERESA’S CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr, Paulinus Okpala, Pastor 807 South Third Street, Cordele, Georgia 31015 229.273.3774 (office) 586.285.1864 (emergency) Office Email: churchofthelittleflower@gmail.com Website: www.churchofthelittleflower.church.com Mass Times Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Sunday: 9:30 am (English) & 12:15 pm (Spanish) Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: Noon Wednesday: 6:00 pm Adoration: Wednesday 5:00 pm Private Prayer: Wednesday 8:00 am – 7:00 pm	Sacraments Baptism, Marriage, & Anointing of the Sick – Call for appointment First Communion, Confirmation & Religious Ed – Sunday 11:00 am – 12 Noon Youth Group – Resumes September 9 7:00 – 8:30 pm Men’s Group – Thursday 5:30 – 6:30 pm Confessions: Sunday: 8:45-9:15 pm & 11:30 am to Noon: Saturday: 4:15 – 4:45 pm; Wednesday: 5:15 – 5:45 pm and by appointment	DAILY MASS September 5 5:00 pm Mass September 6 9:30 am Mass 12:15 PM Mass
Love Sums it All It is very easy to simply focus on “saving my soul” as the main goal of our spiritual life. The readings of today all try to shine the light on the communal nature of our lives as God’s Family. The first reading describes our duty to warn the wrongdoer. The second reading sums up all the commandments with the phrase “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” In the gospel, Jesus describes the four steps we must take to correct an offending brother or sister. Because God is a Trinitarian Family, our relationship with Him is familial. As our Parish Feast Day gets closer, we begin to share some reflections from the booklet: The Message of St. Thérèse of Lisieux by Msgr. Vernon Johnson - The Little Way of Love: “In ordinary human life, what is the supreme relationship between a little child and its mother? It is love. It is the mother’s love that has brough the little child into being, and by its mother’s love it is supported every moment. Above all, the thing which the mother wants supremely from her little child is its love. If she possesses all else but does not possess that, her heart is left aching. Now, from the point of view of the little one, what does the little child want? It wants love. Without its mother’s love it is not merely restless, it is completely lost. Again, in its helplessness the only gift that the little child can give to its mother is its love. Our Lord did not say ‘Unless you be converted and become children’; He said ‘little children’. In its littleness it can give only one thing, but that one thing is everything, namely, love. Between a mother and her child all is love, and if this should not exist, then all society cries in horror that things are wrong. Now, in the supernatural life, this is precisely theologically true. God is our heavenly Father. He has created us because He loves us. By His love, we are supported every moment. The one thing which this heavenly Father wants from us, His children, is our love. Without it, His heart is left aching. We, on our side, we, His little children, we want supremely the love of our heavenly Father. Without it we are restless and dissatisfied. Why is the world so unhappy? Because it is trying to satisfy itself with something less than the love of God. We are made for that love of God, and we are restless till we rest within it. And, in return for this love, what can we give that will satisfy the heart of our heavenly Father? Only love. In our helplessness, we are only able to give our love, and that is the one thing God wants. All our actions are only valuable in His eyes insofar as they are the expression of our love for Him. That is the foundation of the Little Way of Spiritual Childhood; it is all love. It begins in love, exists in love, and ends in love.” (pp. 9-10) God bless you all. Fr. Paulinus	Second Collection ~ This weekend is for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please make checks payable to the Diocese of Savannah. If you are able, please donate this weekend. We are 66% of our goal. Thank you for your generosity. Bible Study ~ have you ever wondered about the background of the culture of Jesus’ time? Beginning on Sunday, September 20 at 10:45 pm, Father will dive deeper into the weekend’s scriptures. He will help you to “See the Old Testament in the New Testament and see how the New Testament is hidden in the Old.” This study will give you a better understanding of Jesus’ ministry. Make plans to check this out! Beatification of the Georgia Martyrs ~ will be Saturday, October 31 at the Savannah Convention Center. If you are interested in riding in the Church Bus, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We have 10 spots left. We have been able to adjust the price: \$50 per person and \$20 for each additional family member. Please let us know this weekend if you are interested in riding the bus. More information about the event can be found at diosav.org. Youth Group ~ resumes Wednesday, September 9, 7:00-8:30 pm. Dinner will be provided. All youth, 6th grade and up are welcome. Religious Education ~ due to the holiday, there is no Religious Ed this weekend. Parents Meeting ~ all parents of the Religious Ed students are required to attend a mandatory meeting on Sunday, September 20 at 11:00 am. We will meet in the Church to discuss expectations for the year. Please make plans to attend. St. Theresa Feast Day ~ will be Sunday, October 4 from 4-6 pm. Please bring side dishes and desserts. The Church will provide meat and drinks. All are welcome to come join the fun. As a special treat we will have an inflatable for the kids this year! Ladies Club ~ will meet next Saturday, September 12. We will discuss our upcoming Baked Spaghetti Fundraiser on November 14. Our Gifts to God: Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,875 Last Year’s Offering: \$2,030.80 Last Sunday’s Offering :\$2,681.80 (In pew: \$2,356.00, Online: \$325.08) Children’s Offering: \$22 Annual Catholic Appeal: Goal: \$14,054 Total Given: \$9,301.80 Harvest of Hope Goal: \$128,508 Pledges Remaining: \$21,719.61 Total Given: \$57,591.39	September 7 Noon Mass September 8 Noon Mass September 9 5:00 pm Holy Hour 6:00 pm Mass September 10 Noon Mass September 11 No Mass You can scan the QR code to donate online.