

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 – October 14 at 7:00 – 8:30 pm OCIA – Thursday 7:00 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 12 5:00 pm Mass September 13 9:30 am Mass 12:15 PM Mass
The Message of St. Thérèse of Lisieux Our Parish Feast Day is three weeks from today. We continue to share some reflections from the booklet: The Message of St. Thérèse of Lisieux by Msgr. Vernon Johnson - Love through Suffering: “But what about suffering and sorrow and all the pain and evil of life? Has the Little Way any answer to this, the central tragedy of human existence? If not, it may be all right for angels, but it is no use for us men and women who have to live in a world where suffering is everywhere, within us and around us. How can we use our pain as a means of loving our heavenly Father? In the natural sphere, what is it that takes a little one to its mother quicker than anything else? Pain. Let a child hurt itself even but a little and it goes with its pain straight to its mother’s arms. And in its mother’s arms its pain is not taken away, but it finds something that makes the pain easier to bear – a sympathy, an understanding between the mother and the little child which no scientist can analyze nor can any philosopher define, but which is one of the most fundamental facts of human life. This is exactly true of the Little Way. The little soul, offering every little thing in its daily life as an expression of its love to the heavenly Father, soon comes across pain. What does it do? Knowing that all is love between itself and its heavenly Father, realizing its utter dependence on that love, certain in its confidence that the love can never fail, seeing too that all its life is ordained to be a setting whereby it may express its love, it at once seeks to find its Father’s love somewhere in its pain. In other words, it takes its pain straight to its heavenly Father’s arms. And in that Father’s embrace, its pain is not taken away, but it finds itself gathered into the mystery of a crucified God. That is what St. Thérèse did in her Little Way. In her earliest days she came across pain and suffering. Instead of trying to bear it by herself, and so letting it separate her from her heavenly Father’s love, she learnt to go with her pain straight to Him. And there she found, what all little souls who follow her will also find, that the answer to pain lies in the arms of the crucified God and nowhere else.” (pp. 30-31) St. Theresa of the Child Jesus – Pray for us, your Parish Family.	ACA Second Collection ~ Thank you to all who were able to give last weekend. We raised \$2,093 towards our goal! Bible Study ~ have you ever wondered about the background of the culture of Jesus’ time? Beginning next 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. We have more info available for you in the Narthex. 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! Would you like to help? We have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. St. Theresa Annual Report~ is included in today’s bulletin. We appreciate the generosity of all our parishioners who contribute to our Parish both financially and by volunteering to help us succeed in our goals. Stand for Life ~ will be Saturday, October 17 from 1:00 pm -3:00 pm. We will meet in front of Aldi’s in support of life from conception to natural death. Today’s Readings can be found on page 930 in the St. Augustine Hymnal Our Gifts to God: Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,875 Last Year’s Offering: \$3,538.90 Last Sunday’s Offering :\$3,575.33 (In pew: \$3,357.00, Online: \$218.33) Children’s Offering: \$48 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 14 Noon Mass September 15 Noon Mass September 16 5:00 pm Holy Hour 6:00 pm Mass Ron Dawson September 17 No Mass September 18 Noon Mass You can scan the QR code to donate online.