

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 19 5:00 pm Mass September 20 9:30 am Mass 12:15 PM Mass
The Message of St. Thérèse of Lisieux Our Parish Feast is two weeks away. We continue to share some reflections from the booklet: The Message of St. Thérèse of Lisieux by Msgr. Vernon Johnson - Love towards one’s neighbor: “The Little Way is the source of all our love to those around us. Next to our love for our heavenly Father comes our love for our neighbor – those men and women with whom we live our daily life. Just because the little soul realizes, in its utter simplicity, that the supreme relationship between itself and the heavenly Father is love so, when it looks out on those around, it sees them just as so many other little children of the heavenly Father, created to love Him and to be loved by Him. As the little soul loves the heavenly Father, so it loves all His other children for His sake. That is the only thing which concerns it. This at once lifts up every relationship into the supernatural. The source of St. Thérèse’s love to those around her was the supernatural love which the heavenly Father placed in the soul of His child. ‘Oh, my Jesus, You never ask what is impossible. You know I can never love my sisters as You have loved them unless within me You love them, dear Lord ... Yes, I know when I show charity to others it is simply Jesus acting in me, and the more closely I am united to Him the more dearly I love my sisters.’ So only can the little soul fulfil our Blessed Lord’s commandment: ‘Little children, love one another, as I have loved you’ (Jn. 13:34). By this the little soul is saved from all those unworthy motives which destroy the peace of so many – jealousy, envies, criticisms, scandals. In the natural life the little child is not concerned with the actions and motives of others except insofar as they affect its relationship to the heavenly Father. Apart from this, it is unmoved by their actions, their motives, their temperaments, whether they be attractive or otherwise. The little child does not judge. ‘Is there anything more sweet’, says St. Thérèse, ‘than the inward joy of thinking well of our neighbor? This sounds too high an ideal for human nature. It is indeed only those souls who are little enough to see only the Father’s love that can attain to it. The test of all this comes when the question concerns someone whom, naturally we dislike, who gets on our nerves.” (pp. 28-29). St. Theresa of the Child Jesus – Pray for us	Bible Study ~ begins this Sunday at 10:45 am. Father will explore deeper into the Sunday readings for to help you have a more in depth understanding of the culture in which Jesus lived and had his ministry. 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 ~ is this Sunday during Religious Education. We ask all parents 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. Protecting God’s Children~ will be next Sunday during Religious Education. We will discuss with the children the importance of their bodies and internet safety. If you have questions, or do not want your child to participate, please contact Tammy Teel at 229.313.9065. 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. Annual Catholic Appeal ~ thanks to your generosity we are at 81% of our goal. If you haven’t given yet, envelopes are available in the pews and in the Narthex. You may also give online at www.diosav.org Second Collection ~ next weekend for the Mission Co-Op Appeal. Today’s Readings can be found on page 932 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 :\$2,657.28 (In pew: \$2,273.00, Online: \$384.28) Children’s Offering: \$83 Annual Catholic Appeal: Goal: \$14,054 Total Given: \$11,394.80 Harvest of Hope Goal: \$128,508 Pledges Remaining: \$21,719.61 Total Given: \$57,591.39	September 21 Noon Mass September 22 Noon Mass September 23 5:00 pm Holy Hour 6:00 pm Mass September 24 Noon Mass September 25 No Mass You can scan the QR code to donate online.