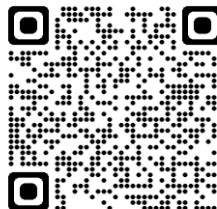


ST. THERESA’S CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr, Paulinus Okpala, Pastor 807 South Third Street, Cordele, Georgia 31015 229.273.3774 (office)586.285.1864 (emergency) Office Email: churchofthelittleflower@gmail.com Website: www.churchofthelittleflower.church.com Mass Times Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pmSunday: 9:30 am (English) & 12:15 pm (Spanish) Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: NoonWednesday: 6:00 pm Adoration: Wednesday 5:00 pmPrivate 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 26 5:00 pm Mass September 27 9:30 am Mass 12:15 PM Mass September 28 Noon Mass September 29 Noon Mass September 30 5:00 pm Holy Hour 6:00 pm Mass Oscar Olek Peter Le Van Doan+ October 1 Noon Mass October 2 Noon Mass
The Message of St. Thérèse of Lisieux Our Parish Feast is one week away. We continue to share some reflections from the booklet: The Message of St. Thérèse of Lisieux by Msgr. Vernon Johnson – Abandonment: “When a little child, having taken its pain to its mother, finds safety and understanding in her arms, it rests there, calm and confident, completely surrendered to its mother’s care. This picture of the little child, serenely cradled in its mother’s arms, is a perfect parable of that abandonment to God which is the special fruit of the Little Way of love, humility, and confidence. When the little soul finds that even pain and suffering are all within the heavenly Father’s love, are all precious gifts from the heavenly Father to His child, by which that child is cradled in His arms more securely than by anything else, it knows then that nothing can hurt it. Therefore, it abandons itself completely to its heavenly Father’s Will, confident that all is well so long as it rests, completely surrendered, in its Father’s arms. “Jesus was pleased to show me”, says St. Thérèse, “the only path which leads to the divine love. This path is the abandonment of the little child who sleeps without fear in its Father’s arms.”. Some people have misunderstood this imagery and think that the little soul thus depicted rests inert and lifeless in the arms of God. But what the little child does by instinct in the natural sphere, the soul must do by grace in the supernatural. The sleep of the little child is the parable of that peace which comes from a completely surrendered will, a will entirely surrendered from moment to moment. This demands continual activity of a drowning man who, suppressing his natural instinct to trust in his efforts, and realizing that his only hope lies in abandoning himself, entirely and without resistance, to the man who swims to his rescue, completely surrenders himself – an act demanding the highest courage and the most perfect self-control. (pp. 36-37). St. Theresa of the Child Jesus – Pray for us	Bible Study ~ continues this week at 11:00 am. If you couldn’t make last week, don’t worry. You are not behind since we focus on the current week. Come and learn more about Jesus and the time in which he lived. 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. St. Theresa Feast Day ~ will be next 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. Door Prizes ~ if you have a new item you would like to donate as a door prize for next week, please let Father Paulinus know as soon as possible. Commemorative bricks~ We are preparing the second batch of commemorative bricks. The deadline to place the order is Sunday, November 1. The form is located in the narthex. 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. Rosary ~ October is the month of the Rosary. We will pray the Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass. Second Collection ~ this weekend is for the Mission Co-Op Appeal. Today’s Readings can be found on page 934 in the St. Augustine Hymnal	You can scan the QR code to donate online. 
	Our Gifts to God: Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,875Last Year’s Offering: \$3,147.80 Last Sunday’s Offering :\$3,502.18(In pew: \$3,190, Online: \$312.18) Children’s Offering: \$24 Annual Catholic Appeal: Goal: \$14,054Total Given: \$11,394.80 Harvest of Hope Goal: \$128,508 Pledges Remaining: \$21,719.61Total Given: \$57,591.39	