

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 October 10 5:00 pm Mass Joachim Pham Van Dinh+ October 11 9:30 am Mass 12:15 PM Mass
God Invites Us to His Joy-filled Unity. Today’s readings focus much on food in the mystery of God’s Kingdom. The first reading says that God will provide rich food and wine on his holy mountain. The psalm (23) says that God has prepared a table for me in the sight of my foes. Paul, in the second reading, is thanking the Philippians for sending him some food in prison. In the gospel, Jesus gives us the parable of the great banquet. There is something about food that makes it so important in our lives. We and the food we eat become one, so inseparably one that we cannot point at any part of our body and say, this is the food I ate over the years, and to another part and say, this is me. The food blends so well into us that we can say, I and my food are one. God has a reason for designing our life in this way. He wants us to learn from the mystery of food uniting with us the greater mystery of us uniting with God in Christ. We are very familiar with this text of Isaiah that we read today. God made a promise to feast all peoples to a rich banquet. When God came down to us in Jesus Christ, he began to fulfill this promise. This was why Jesus told this parable of the banquet. Jesus himself is the Bread of life. With his coming, death, and resurrection, which we celebrate at Mass as he gave it to us, the banquet has begun. The full picture will appear much later, but the celebration has begun. In this party, Jesus himself, the Son, is the food. This explains the destruction that happens to those who reject the invitation, because to eat the Son is to live; to reject the Son is to starve and die. Another important detail of the parable is the man without the wedding garment. The real surprise would have been that all the guests brought in from the streets and gutters have the wedding garment except one. But it is reversed. The host is surprised by this one man because, just as the host freely provides the banquet food, so too does he provide the garment. So, to refuse to wear it is to exclude oneself. To refuse the invitation is self-destruction; to refuse the garment is self-exclusion. So, what is this garment, freely provided? It is the Spirit of God, the Way of life in God. It is not enough to come to Mass; we must be open to God’s Spirit, God’s Ways, without whom we cannot blend like food into the Body of Christ. Let us say yes to God’s full gift of Himself to us and give ourselves to Him in return. God bless you all. Fr. Paulinus	Commemorative bricks~ We are preparing the second batch of commemorative bricks. The last day to place the order is Sunday, November 1. There are forms 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. Youth Group ~ will be Wednesday, October 14 7:00-8:30 pm. All youth, 6th grade and up, are welcome. Rosary Family Sunday ~ our Religious Education will meet with Parents and Families on Sunday, October 18 at 11:00 am. Our focus will be understanding the Rosary and praying together as a family. We invite all families to come and join us. Pancake Breakfast – We will be having a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser next Sunday, October 18, from 9am until 2 pm, to support our Annual Catholic Appeal. All donations will be taken at the social hall upon entrance. Thank you for your support. No 5pm Mass on October 31: Please note there will be no Mass on Saturday, October 31 due to the Beatification of the Georgia Martyrs. Today’s Readings can be found on page 939 in the St. Augustine Hymnal Our Gifts to God: Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,875 Last Year’s Offering: \$4,819.89 Last Sunday’s Offering: \$4,173.33 (In pew: \$3,910, Online: \$203.33) Children’s Offering: \$60 Annual Catholic Appeal: Goal: \$14,054 Total Given: \$11,394.80 Harvest of Hope Goal: \$128,508 Pledges Remaining: \$21,685.24 Total Given: \$57,625.73	October 12 Noon Mass October 13 Noon Mass October 14 5:00 pm Holy Hour 6:00 pm Mass October 15 Noon Mass October 16 Noon Mass Jorge Ascunce You can scan the QR code to donate online. 