

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 October 24 5:00 pm Mass Peter Tran Van Ngao+ October 25 9:30 am Mass Vernard Olek+ 12:15 PM Mass
<u>“You Shall Love the Lord Your God …” (Matt. 22:37)</u> Jesus sums up the commandments of God into two: loving God with everything in us and loving our neighbor as ourselves. We have heard this summary several times and even repeat it to ourselves, but we likely have little or no clue about its full meaning. The first part is the Jewish Shema, which every Jew repeats daily: “Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God is God alone; you shall love the Lord with all …” (Deut. 6:4-5). The second part is the universal golden rule: do unto others as you would want to be done unto you. So far, we are on common ground. The turning point is Christ. When those same words come from his mouth, they take on a much deeper and more demanding meaning. It is the Cross. As Christians, the common rules take on an uncommon meaning for us because of Christ and the Cross. That is precisely why the symbol of the Cross and the Eucharist, its Sacramental form, are constantly all around us. We begin and end our prayers with its sign. It simply means that the right way to fulfill those two commands is to freely and totally give ourselves to God as a sacrificial victim hanging on the Cross, every minute of each day and night. Last Sunday, Jesus used a coin the Pharisees presented to illustrate this message. When he says, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God,” he means that we must give ourselves entirely to God. The two commandments are, in fact, one: to love God in people, including ourselves, or to love people in God. At the Last Supper, shortly before his death on the Cross, Jesus summed them into only one: I give you a new commandment, love one another as I have loved you” (Jn. 13:34). It all begins with God; we must give time to deep inner prayer of adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, and petitions with God. In submitting to Him, we gradually learn from Him how to see Him and sacrificially love and serve Him in everyone around us, near and far, friends and foes. There is no replacement for the Cross. There we experience salvation, the freedom to live as God’s children now and forever. Amen. God bless you all. Fr. Paulinus	<u>Commemorative bricks</u>~ Sunday, November 1 is the last day to order for this round of bricks. Forms are in the Narthex <u>Annual Catholic Appeal</u> – Thank you to everyone who participated in the Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. We were able to raise \$1,425 toward our goal. If you haven’t been able to donate, it isn’t too late. You may give online or use envelope in the Narthex. We appreciate the generosity of our Parish. <u>Baked Spaghetti Fundraiser</u> ~ has begun! Tickets are on sale through November 8 or until all are sold. Large Pans are \$40 and small are \$30. If you would like to help sell, contact Marlene Kimball or Tammy Teel. <u>All Saints Day</u> ~ is Sunday, November 1. We encourage ALL children to dress up as their favorite Saint for Mass. Father will bring them to the front so everyone can see who influences them. <u>Saint Walk</u>~ during coffee and donuts on November 1, we will have activities to help our little saints learn more about their Catholic Saints. All children are invited to come and enjoy the fun. <u>Second Collection</u> ~ this week is for World Missions. November Remembrance ~ We remember our deceased loved ones next month. Please remember to bring you pictures to display. 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 942 in the St. Augustine Hymnal Our Gifts to God: Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,875Last Year’s Offering: \$2,415.15 Last Sunday’s Offering: \$2,740.53(In pew: \$2,403, Online: \$337.53) Children’s Offering: \$19 Annual Catholic Appeal: Goal: \$14,054 Total Given: \$11,394.80 Harvest of Hope Goal: \$128,508 Pledges Remaining: \$21,685.24Total Given: \$57,625.73	October 26 Noon Mass Jorge Ascunce+ October 27 Noon Mass Rodney Dawson October 28 5:00 pm Holy Hour 6:00 pm Mass Mary Tran Thi Thu+ October 29 Noon Mass October 30 No Mass You can scan the QR code to donate online. 