

Dear Parishioners,

The Patrimonial Feast Day of **Saint Thérèse of Lisieux**, the *Little Flower*, is **October 1**.

This year the feast falls on the first Saturday of the month and provides us with an opportunity for a grand celebration. On October 1 we will have special events planned, including a 8am mass in Saint Theresa's honor, and a dinner dance directly following our 4pm liturgy.

In anticipation of this great feast, I invite all parishioners to participate in a spiritual renewal exploring Saint Thérèse's *Little Way* as a means of renewing our spiritual life. Much like the **33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY** popularly used by many parishes in anticipation of the Special Jubilee Year of Divine Mercy, we will use another Fr. Michael Gaitly book, **33 DAYS TO MERCIFUL LOVE: A Do It Yourself Retreat**. It is a work that uniquely focuses on **Saint Thérèse** and her spirituality. This book along with the Novena Booklet is obtainable from the office for an offering of \$10. This *little way* is a model for us in our growth as a community of faith. As Saint Pope John Paul II said of her when he proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church on the 24th of August, 1997,



This young Carmelite was entirely captivated by the love of God. She lived the radical offering of herself in response to that love. In the simplicity of daily life she also knew how to practice fraternal love. Imitating Jesus, she willingly sat at the table of sinners, her brothers and sisters, so that they might be purified by love, for she was animated by an ardent desire to see everyone "enlightened by the luminous torch of faith"

In addition to this personal retreat, we will begin the nine day **Novena to Saint Theresa**, praying the novena after the 8am mass leading up to the Feast Day. This novena will be distributed

The days leading up to the Feast Day will be days of renewal. I invite all parishioners you to join us for all of our celebrations, spiritual and social, and invite you neighbors and friends to do the same.

- **Tuesday, August 24** - Organizational Meeting –
33 DAYS TO MERCIFUL LOVE 6:30pm – Chapel of Our Lady
- **Friday, August 27** – Personal / Private Retreat begins
- **Friday, September 23** – Beginning **9 Day Novena to Saint Theresa** – *publically prayed after 8am daily liturgy*
- **Saturday, October 1** – Feast of Saint Theresa
 - **8am Feast of Saint Theresa** –
 - **8:30 – 9th Day of the Novena to Saint Theresa**
 - Special Day Events – **TBA**
 - **4pm Mass** – dedicated to the Parishioners of Saint Theresa
 - **6pm 1st Annual Saint Theresa Dinner Dance** –
Doors will open at 5:30pm

I will spend my heaven doing good on earth – Saint Theresa