



# RELIGIOUS ED

LIFE WITH CHRIST IS A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE! - POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II



## St. Therese of Lisieux

We are blessed to honor this wonderful saint this month since her feast day is October 1st. Therese grew up in a family of five girls. Her mother died of cancer when Therese was only four years old, so her sister Pauline took time to teach Therese about her faith and its religious customs.

Pauline entered the convent when Therese was ten years old. Like Pauline, Therese wanted to live for God alone. She dreamt of becoming a missionary and spreading the faith to others and even dying for Our Lord. Therese loved the Church and prayed hard to understand her place in it. She also decided to become a Carmelite nun just like her sister.

Therese grew in understanding and prayed that God would help her live her vocation as a nun. Instead of going to exotic lands as a missionary, Therese discovered that it was most important to grow in the love of God. She could love God in the confines of a convent just as well as she could far away. In the convent she helped the other nuns, especially the young nuns in training called novices.

Therese teaches us to grow in understanding especially in prayer. Through her prayer and reading of God's Word in Sacred Scripture, she learned that by her "little way" every small action we perform for God that is done in love can be a great gift. She treated all her tasks, whether it was cleaning or helping a sick sister, as if they were the most important thing she did. She would even give a smile to the nun who most annoyed her.

Therese put down many of her thoughts in her autobiography named *The Story of a Soul*. It was published not long after she died in 1897 and has inspired thousands of people. Every person, religious or lay, can imitate this great saint!

## RE Calendar

**October 10th: NO CLASS**

October 17th: Class (10am-11:30am)

October 24th: Class (10am-11:30am)

## Registration

Registration is still open for this year's RE classes.

Scan the QR Code below or visit the parish website to complete the registration form.

