



St. Therese of Lisieux— Generations of Catholics have admired this young saint, called her the "Little Flower", and found in her short life more inspiration for their own lives than in volumes by theologians.

Yet Therese died when she was 24, after having lived as cloistered Carmelite for less than ten years. She never went on missions, never founded a religious order, never performed great works. The only book of hers, published after her death, was a brief edited version of her journal called "Story of a Soul." (Collections of her letters and restored versions of her journals have been published recently.) But

within 28 years of her death, the public demand was so great that she was canonized. Over the years, some modern Catholics have turned away from her because they associate her with over-sentimentalized piety and yet the message she has for us is still as compelling and simple as it was almost a century ago.

Therese was born in France in 1873, the pampered daughter of a mother who had wanted to be a saint and a father who had wanted to be monk. The two had gotten married but determined they would be celibate until a priest told them that was not how God wanted a marriage to work! They must have followed his advice very well because they had nine children. The five children who lived were all daughters who were close all their lives. Tragedy and loss came quickly to Therese when her mother died of breast cancer when she was four and a half years old. Her sixteen year old sister Pauline became her second mother -- which made the second loss even worse when Pauline entered the Carmelite convent five years later. A few months later, Therese became so ill with a fever that people thought she was dying.

The worst part of it for Therese was all the people sitting around her bed staring at her like, she said, "a string of onions." When Therese saw her sisters praying to statue of Mary in her room, Therese also prayed. She saw Mary smile at her and suddenly she was cured. She tried to keep the grace of the cure secret but people found out and badgered her with questions about what Mary was wearing, what she looked like. When she refused to give in to their curiosity, they passed the story that she had made the whole thing up.

Without realizing it, by the time she was eleven years old she had developed the habit of mental prayer. She would find a place between her bed and the wall and in that solitude think about God, life, eternity.

When her other sisters, Marie and Leonie, left to join religious orders (the Carmelites and Poor Clares, respectively), Therese was left alone with her last sister Celine and her father. Therese tells us that she wanted to be good but that she had an odd way of going about. This spoiled little Queen of her father's wouldn't do housework. She thought if she made the beds she was doing a great favor! Every time Therese even imagined that someone was criticizing her or didn't appreciate her, she burst into tears. Then she would cry because she had cried! Any inner wall she built to contain her wild emotions crumpled immediately before the tiniest comment.

Therese wanted to enter the Carmelite convent to join Pauline and Marie but how could she convince others that she could handle the rigors of Carmelite life, if she couldn't handle her own emotional outbursts? She had prayed that Jesus would help her but there was no sign of an answer.

On Christmas day in 1886, the fourteen-year-old hurried home from church. In France, young children left their shoes by the hearth at Christmas, and then parents would fill them with gifts. By fourteen, most children outgrew this custom. But her sister Celine didn't want Therese to grow up. So they continued to leave presents in "baby" Therese's shoes.

St Francis de Paula Parish

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◆ **Mission Santo Niño de Atocha, Three Rivers** ◆



October 5, 2025

27th Sunday of
Ordinary Time

Mass Times:

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Sunday: Mass 11:00am

Weekdays:

Mass: 8:00am Wednesday & Friday

Communion Service: 8:00am
Tuesday & Thursday

1st Friday of the Month Anointing: Holy Days: 8:00 am Mass
and 6:00 pm (Mass)

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10am-12am & 1pm - 3pm

PRE-BAPTISM: Contact Office

BAPTISM CELEBRATION: LAST Saturday of the month 10:00 am

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: To schedule Call Barbara Reay

575-430-4547

MARRIAGE: There is a six-month preparation period

CONFESSION: Will be Thursday's 4pm-6pm EXCEPT the Thursday BEFORE 1st Friday

Thrift Store: Tuesday 9:00am-2:00pm

Food Pantry: Wednesday 3:00pm-5:00pm

If you would like to add anything into the bulletin (funerals, anniversary, birthdays, etc. please send a text message to Brianna at 575-921-1025 or contact the office **No later than Wednesday!**

Make sure to visit our gift shop! Opened during office hours!

This weeks readings can be found in the Missal on pages: 61-62

Ushers for the month of October

Saturday 5:30pm— Abraham Pino

Sunday 11:00am— Tim Brooks

Alter Servers

Saturday 5:30pm — Angel Kowatch,
Sheacy Lathan, EJ Padilla

Sunday 11:00am- Robert Melendrez,
Catherine & Michael Guilleams, Andrew
Gibbs

Sacristans for the Month of October

Saturday 5:30pm— Rose & Chris-
tine

Sunday 11:00am— Rosa

Readers

Saturday, October 4th 5:30pm—

Steve & Liz Chavez

Sunday, October 5th 11:00am—

Maureen Smith

Please Pray for the sick in our Parish

Kelton Starr, Naomi Pino, Gloria Diaz, Manny Diaz, Debbie Williams,
Ysidro S Monje, Geralyn Aragon, Sylvia Duran, Stella Otero-Brusuelas,
Joe & Yvonne Padilla, Jude Lovato, Jeff Aragon, Larry Stansel, Gloria
Gonzales, Andre Dorme, Helen Guerra

ADORATION: Adorers needed for Monday 10am-11am. We also are in dire
need of substitutes. If you cannot commit to an hour, PLEASE, consider becom-
ing a sub. Contact Naomi at 575-551-2498.

Chapel Hours are from 8am-9pm Monday-Thursday, Friday's 8am-8pm

**Second Collection October 19th
& 20th**

World Mission Sunday is when
all churches celebrate worldwide
the feast of catholicity and uni-
versal solidarity so Christians the
world over will recognize their
common responsibility for the
evangelization of the world.

**Please be generous in your sup-
port of the World Mission Sun-
day. Thank you!**

Weekend Total Regular Collection

9/28/25— \$1,757.00

**The Thrift store has lots of Hallow-
een Costumes and Decorations!
Make sure you stop by on Tues-
day's from 9am to 2pm!**

Children's Mass Schedule 2025-2026

*****October 5, 2025*****

November 2, 2025

December 7, 2025

January 11, 2026

February 8, 2026

March 8, 2026



Mass Intensions

Sat. Oct. 4th 5:30pm † St Rita (special intention), St Jude, St Peregrine

Sun. Oct. 5th 11:00am † Ramona Monje (ann), Jesus SR & Porfilia Monje

Tue. Oct. 7th 8:00am † ****Communion Service****

Wed. Oct. 8th 8:00am † Holy Mass— St Rita (special intention)

Thur. Oct. 9th 8:00am † **** Communion Service****

Fri. Oct. 10th 8:00am † Holy Mass—

Sat. Oct. 11th 5:30pm † Ramon, Adela, Alice Pino

Sun. Oct. 12th 11:00am † Holy Mass— St Rita (special intention)

The colder months are approaching and
there are kids in the community who
do not have a good pair of shoes or
jacket. Parish council has placed a box
in the back of the church for any dona-
tions of a NEW or GENTLY USED pair of
shoes or jacket to give kids in need.
Ages vary from 5 to 18 years as specific
sizes are difficult to determine. Dona-
tions will be accepted until October
25th.

Thank you for your continued support!



Saturday, October 25, 2025 9:00 AM

NM Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum

Speaker: Friar Alberto Bravo

Price \$26.50 breakfast & talk

Contact 575-430-8187 to purchase or more information

Parish Council will be having a Posole
Sale October 25th from 5pm-7pm in
the Parish Hall. If you are able to do-
nate any of the following, please
reach out to Brianna at 575-921-1025
or Barbara at 575-430-4547

***Pork, Red Chili, Can of Hominy,
Lemon, Limes, Crackers, Case of wa-
ter***

**Free Film
Screening**

OCTOBER 11
2PM
FLICKINGER CENTER
ALAMOGORDO, NM

FIRST WE BOMBED
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Screening
Co-Sponsored by
Holioman Air Force Base

Q&A with Lois Lipman
and Tina Cordova,
Tularosa Basin
Downwinders
Consortium

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**America Needs Fatima
Public Square Rosary**

October 11th, at 12:00pm, noon join us in the park across from Lowes Grocery in Tula-
rosa. Please spare 20-25 minutes to stop and pray the Rosary with all of America! The
purpose of these events is to pray the Rosary in public spaces for various intentions,
including the conversation of the US and reparation for sins against the immaculate
Heart of Mary. There will be a box placed in the back of the church at the 5:30pm mass
for your intentions. The box will be taken to the alter at the end of mass for Father to
pray for.