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# THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," (Mk 10:14)

## A Season of Saints!

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We will go back to "Picture Meditations" beginning the first week of Advent, but in the meantime, because the response to "A Summer of Saints!" has been so positive, we will continue learning about more Saints and Saints-in-the-making. Many of you will recognize the Saint who is pictured this week. Saint Thérèse was born January 2, 1873 in France to loving parents, Louis and Zélie Martin, who are now also canonized Saints. Zélie died when Thérèse was four, leaving her father and four older sisters to raise her. After her mother's death, Thérèse suffered all kinds of troubles. She would be anxious and unhappy when she had to go to school. She was scrupulous and thought she was sinning when she really wasn't. She was super sensitive and cried a lot. She even wrote this about herself: "I was no longer anything more than a sweet little girl who was a big cry baby." However, on Christmas Day when she was almost fourteen, she experienced a healing. Jesus did what she was not capable of doing on her own. She said that *charity entered her heart* and described it as a complete conversion. Almost a year later, after overcoming many obstacles, she was given permission to enter the Carmelite Monastery to become a cloistered Carmelite nun at the age of 15. Thérèse devoted herself to living a life of holiness, *doing all things with love and childlike trust in God*. She called this her "Little Way." Because of the absolute astounding number of miracles and graces granted through her intercession after her death, she has been called "the greatest Saint of modern times." Let's ask Thérèse to be patron Saint of our weekly Monday Eucharistic Guided Holy Hours this year. We will ask her to help us love Jesus just like she does! Join us THIS MONDAY, AUGUST 28th, beginning at 6:30pm in the Church. *Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, pray for us!*

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## Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

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Before Saint Thérèse died at the age of 24, she prophesied: "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my Heaven doing good upon earth. I will raise up a mighty host of little Saints. My mission is to make God loved..." Saint Thérèse's autobiography called "Story of a Soul" ranks in the top 10 best-selling books of all time. It has been translated into more than 50 languages and an estimated 500 million copies have been published. When reading Thérèse's book, we realize that here is someone who is like us - ordinary. Yet she has reached a great level of holiness and we can too! The "Little Way" that St. Thérèse discovered and now shares with the world is the way of Gospel childhood, the way of trust and absolute surrender to Jesus. In 1997, Pope St. John Paul II declared St. Thérèse the 33rd Doctor of the Church!