

About the tour

In the 100th year of St. Thérèse's canonization, her relics will visit 11 states, starting on her feast day, Oct. 1, 2025, here, at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica – 100 years after our own founding.

The Sanctuary of St. Thérèse in Lisieux has entrusted her reliquary to the USCCB for this visit.

For national event details, visit StThereseUSA2025.com.



Event Mass Times

Oct. 1 – 3 p.m., 7 p.m.

Oct. 2 – 9 a.m., noon, 7 p.m.

Oct. 3 – 9 a.m., noon, 7 p.m.

Oct. 4 – 8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 5 – 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. (Spanish), 6 p.m.

Oct. 6 – 9 a.m., noon, 7 p.m.

Oct. 7 – 9 a.m., noon, 7 p.m.

Oct. 8 – 9 a.m., noon (Closing Mass)

Registration
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NATIONAL SHRINE of the LITTLE FLOWER BASILICA

A century of sharing the love of Jesus
through the Little Way of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

The Relics of St. Thérèse National Tour



Rev. John R.
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Dear St. Thérèse devotee,

As the Rector of The National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, I cordially invite you to this blessed visitation of our patroness, St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

Our patroness is numbered among the Doctors of the Church and is one of the most beloved saints of modern times. Devotion to her worldwide ranks her among the top five of all saints.

Her followers, who strive to live in accordance with St. Thérèse's spirituality, demonstrate God's great love in little ways – a childlike path of love and trust in God that is accessible to all.

In this Year of Hope, this is a blessed opportunity for all of us to venerate such an influential intercessor.

Shrine is honored to host the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux in the 100th year of her canonization as a saint and our 100th year as a parish.

All who come to experience Mass and veneration of these relics will be invited into a sacred experience with the saint of the "Little Way."

We look forward to seeing you at our beautiful basilica, dedicated to "Sharing the Love of Jesus through the Little Way of St. Thérèse of Lisieux."

St. Thérèse, Pray for Us!

Who is St. Thérèse?

Thérèse Martin was born in Alençon, France, Jan. 2, 1873. She wished to embrace the contemplative life as her sisters had done in the Carmel of Lisieux, but was turned away due to her young age.



After an audience with the pope, on April 9, 1888, she entered the Carmel of Lisieux at age 15.



Her "Little Way" spirituality has been described as a spiritual childhood and a desire to do little things with great love.



She was canonized by Pope Pius XI May 17, 1925. Pope John Paul II proclaimed her a Doctor of the Universal Church Oct. 19, 1997.



Relic: From the Latin reliquiae – an object remaining as a memorial of a departed saint.

On Relics & Veneration

- † **First-class relic** – A piece of the actual body of the saint, like bone, organ, or hair.
- † **Second-class** – Usually an object used by the saint, like clothing or a prayer book.
- † **Third-class** – An object that is touched to a first-class relic. If you venerate a first-class relic and touch a holy card to it, the card becomes a third-class relic.

We venerate, or honor, a Saint or Blessed by praying in front of the relic, or kissing or touching the glass that encloses it.

A relic is not magical or the cause of healing, miracles or grace and shouldn't be treated superstitiously. Miraculous healings and grace come from God alone. Praying in front of relics should be done with love and thanksgiving for the Saint and God.