



NATIONAL SHRINE
of the LITTLE FLOWER
BASILICA

OCT. 1-8, 2025
ROYAL OAK, MI



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The Relics of St. Thérèse National Tour





Thérèse Martin was born in Alençon, France, Jan. 2, 1873, and wished to embrace the contemplative life, entering the Carmel of Lisieux on April 9, 1888, at age 15.

Her “Little Way” spirituality is described as a spiritual childhood and a desire to do little things with great love.



The tour will visit 11 states

Oct. 1-8: Royal Oak, Michigan

Oct. 10-30: Tour of 10 dioceses in California

Oct. 31-Nov. 14: San Antonio, Texas; and Carmels in Louisiana, Arkansas and Missouri

Nov. 15-18: Holy Hill, Wisconsin

Nov. 19-30: Washington, D.C., and environs, including Carmels in Maryland

Dec. 1-8: Miami, Florida

RELICS OF *St. Thérèse* NATIONAL TOUR: SHRINE

ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN – The relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, a Catholic saint known as the Little Flower and loved the world over for the spirituality of “The Little Way,” will visit the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak, Michigan, beginning on her feast day, Oct. 1, 2025.

The visit, from Oct. 1-8, also coincides with the Shrine’s 100th anniversary as a parish.

“We are truly blessed to have the Little Flower with us, so that through her intercession, we might all reflect God’s great love in little ways in our daily lives,” said Rev. John R. Bettin, the Rector of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica.

The reliquary containing some of her bones first came from France to the U.S. in 1999 and drew more than 1 million people in 25 states.

Now, 25 years later, it is a special blessing that the reliquary will be visiting the U.S. during the 100th anniversary year of her canonization and for the Jubilee Year of the Church, according to the tour’s U.S. coordinator, Fr. Donald Kinney, a Discalced Carmelite priest at the Carmelite House of Prayer in California.

Fr. Kinney noted that St. Thérèse, herself, wrote in “Story of a Soul,” her autobiography:

“I would like to travel over the whole earth to preach the Gospel.”

“There have been great crowds and great blessings everywhere,” Fr. Kinney said. “Such continued worldwide acclaim is unprecedented in the history of the Church. St. Thérèse continues to be loved as ‘the greatest saint of modern times.’”