

St. Therese of Lisieux

“The Little Flower of Jesus”

Patron Saint of the Sick

St. Therese of Lisieux is the third of six shrines in the alcoves surrounding the worship area.

The work was completed by Canadian artist Timothy P. Schmalz. The sculpture depicts St. Therese writing in a journal, her words appearing like angels flowing upward into heaven, which is depicted by a large rose.

St. Therese of Lisieux was born in France in 1873, and entered Carmelite order at age 15. She died in 1897 at age 24 and was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925. During her brief and deeply devout life, St. Therese filled the pages of her journals with words espousing a “poverty of spirit” in which she

“aspired to be nothing more than a poor little child who looks to her Father for everything....”

“For me, prayer is an aspiration of the heart, it is a simple glance directed to heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy; finally, it is something great, supernatural, which expands my soul and unites me to Jesus.” —St. Therese of Lisieux

