



## BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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### **Basilica Opens New Exhibit Honoring St. Thérèse of Lisieux in Advance of Her Relics Visiting the Basilica in November**

On Thursday, November 20, the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux will arrive at the National Shrine for three days as part of a nationwide tour celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her canonization. In preparation for this, the National Shrine has recently opened a new exhibit highlighting the history of St. Thérèse, her canonization, her connection to the National Shrine, and more. Curated by Dr. Geraldine M. Rohling PhD, MAEd, Archivist-Curator Emerita of the Basilica, this exciting new exhibit honors the Saint we know as the “Little Flower” and is fittingly titled: “A Shower of Roses.”

Visitors and pilgrims are invited to visit the Basilica and learn more about this remarkable saint and Doctor of the Church. The exhibit is open daily until the end of November and is located in Memorial Hall.

#### More About the Relics' Visit

The relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux will visit the National Shrine on Thursday, November 20, through Saturday, November 22. Veneration will take place beginning at 9:00 a.m. on November 20 and run through 12:10 p.m. on November 22. Special Masses will be celebrated in the Great Upper Church at 12:10 p.m. each day. More information can be found on our website: [www.nationalshrine.org/events](http://www.nationalshrine.org/events).

**Name of Exhibit:** “A Shower of Roses”

**Curator:** Dr. Geraldine M. Rohling, Archivist-Curator Emerita of the Basilica

**Location:** Memorial Hall

**Duration:** Exhibit runs through Sunday, November 30, 2025

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### **ABOUT THE BASILICA**

*The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is the largest Roman Catholic church in North America, and it is among the ten largest churches in the world. Dedicated to the patroness of the United States, the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception, the Basilica is the nation's preeminent Marian shrine and patronal church and has been designated a national sanctuary of prayer and pilgrimage. Among those who have visited the National Shrine during its 100+ year history are Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, Saint Pope John Paul II, and Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta.*

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