

Chronology of St. Thérèse

ALENCON

- 1873** **2 January** - Birth of Marie-Francoise Thérèse Martin
4 January - Baptism in the Church of Notre-Dame
March 73 - April 74 - Put out to nurse in Semalle' (8 km from Alencon)
1877 **28 August** - Death of Zélie Martin

LISIEUX: AT LES BUISSONNETS (1877 - 1888)

- 1877** **16 November** - Move to Les Buissonnets
1879 First visit to the chapel of Carmel during one of the walks with her father
1881 **3 October** - Thérèse begins to attend the school at the Benedictine Abbey
1882 **2 October** - Pauline Martin enters the Carmel in Lisieux
1883 **25 March** - Thérèse falls gravely ill
13 May - She is cured (smile of the Virgin)
1884 **8 May** - First Communion
14 June - Confirmation administered by Monseigneur Hugonin
1885 **May** - Beginning of crisis of scruples
1886 **February** - She falls ill and is taken out of school. Private tuition.
15 October - Marie Martin enters the Carmel. By the end of the

month Thérèse is released from her scruples

- 25 December** - "Conversion" of Thérèse
1887 **July** - Thérèse discovers her missionary calling before a holy image of Jesus. Soon after, prayer for Pranzini
31 October - Audience with Monseigneur Hugonin in Bayeux
4 Nov. - 2 Dec. - Pilgrimage to Italy
1888 **9 April** - She enters the Carmel at the age of 15 years and 3 months
23-27 June - Louis Martin runs away and is found in Le Havre

AT THE CARMEL (1888 - 1897)

- 1889** **10 January** - Thérèse takes the Carmelite habit. She adds "of the Holy Face" to her name
12 February - Louis Martin is admitted to the Bon-Saveur hospital in Caen
25 December - The lease on Les Buissonnets is given up
1890 Thérèse reads Saint John of the Cross and discovers the texts of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah
8 September - Thérèse takes her vows
24 September - Public ceremony for taking the veil
1891 **April - May** - Prayers for Hyacinthe Loyson
7 - 15 October - Retreat conducted by Fr Prou. Thérèse is launched on the waves of confidence and love
28 December - Beginning of severe influenza epidemic
1892 **10 May** - Louis Martin returns home.

12 May - Last visit of Louis to the Carmel

1893 **20 February** - Sister Agnes of Jesus (Pauline Martin) is elected prioress. Thérèse is then appointed to help the Mistress of Novices

1894 **2 January** - Thérèse turns 21
Spring - Beginning of Thérèse's illness

29 July - Louis Martin dies

14 September - Celine Martin enters the Carmel. Thérèse discovers the "Little Way" in Scripture

December - On the instructions of her prioress, Thérèse starts setting down her childhood memories.

1895 Manuscript A is completed this year.
21 January - Thérèse performs her second play on Joan of Arc
9 June - Act of Offering to God's Merciful Love
17 October - The seminarist Maurice Belliere is entrusted to Thérèse's care

1896 **21 March** - Mother Marie de Gonzague is elected prioress, she entrusts her five novices to Thérèse

HOLY THURSDAY - First haemorrhage of tuberculosis
EASTER TIME - She enters the "dark night of faith and hope"

30 May - Father Roulland is entrusted to her as her second spiritual brother

September - Thérèse writes letters (Ms B) for Sister Marie of the Sacred Heart: "My vocation is Love!"

1897 Discovery of fraternal love this year
April - Thérèse falls seriously ill. Last Conversations begin to be written on the 6th

3 June - On her prioress's instructions, she begins to write Manuscript C

8 July - She enters the infirmary

30 July - She receives the Last Rites

19 August - Last Communion

30 September - She dies around 7 pm after a prolonged agony

4 October - Thérèse is buried in the Lisieux cemetery

AFTER HER DEATH

1898 **30 September** - Her book "Story of a Soul" is published in 2000 copies

1899 - 1900 First pilgrims to Thérèse's grave: first miracles

1901 First English translation of 'Story of a Soul'

1910 First steps in canonization

1915 Apostolic proceedings begin in Bayeux

1921 Benedict XV promulgates the decree on the heroic virtues of the Venerable Servant of God

1923 The relics are moved to the Carmel
29 April - She is beatified by Pius XI

1925 **17 May** - She is canonized in Rome by Pius XI (500,000 pilgrims)

1927 **14 December** - Pius XI makes Thérèse Patron Saint of Universal Missions with Saint Francis Xavier

1929 **30 September** - The first stone is laid for the basilica in Lisieux

1932 First petition to declare St Thérèse Doctor of the Church

1937 **11 July** - The basilica is inaugurated

1941 **24 July** - Foundation of The Mission to France. Its seminary is in Lisieux

1944 **3 May** - Pius XII proclaims Thérèse Second Patron Saint of France.

1947 Fiftieth anniversary of Thérèse's death. Her relics are taken to nearly all the dioceses in France

1956 Facsimile edition of the "Autobiographical Manuscripts" (originals of "Story of a Soul")

1959 Publication of the first photo album of Thérèse

1973 The centenary of her birthday is celebrated

1980 **2 June** - John Paul II goes on a pilgrimage to Lisieux

1971 - 1988 The "Centenary Edition" (the critical edition of Thérèse's "Complete Works" is published

1992 The "New Centenary Edition" is published

1997 Centenary celebration of Thérèse's "Entry into Life" in Lisieux and worldwide

19 October - Thérèse is declared Doctor of the Church on Mission Sunday by John Paul II