

Did You Know?



- Lives of the saints – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
 - Born as Edith Stein to Jewish parents
 - Born on October 12, 1891 in Poland
 - Was born on Yom Kippur
 - Jewish Day of Atonement
 - Atonement: making right your wrongs
 - Was raised Jewish but became an atheist
 - Atheist: one who does not believe in God
 - Read St. Teresa of Avila's autobiography and knew that the Catholic Church is the True Church founded by Christ
 - As a result, she converted to Catholicism in 1922
 - Her sister Rosa also converted to Catholicism
 - Became a Carmelite nun in 1933
 - Took the name Teresa Benedicta *of the Cross* to show her acceptance of suffering in reparation for sins of that time
 - Rosa joined the convent as a doorkeeper
 - She was arrested by the Nazis & taken from her convent
 - Rosa was also arrested
 - Edith encouraged her sister: Come, Rosa; we go for our people
 - She died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz on August 9, 1942
 - Canonized by Pope St. John Paul II on October 11, 1998
 - Feast day is August 9
 - She is the patron saint of:
 - Europe
 - Orphans
 - Martyrs
 - World Youth Day

