

# Rosalie Püt

1868-1919

*Rosalie Püt* was born in Lummen, Belgium, on August 2, 1868. Her parents were very poor and were able to provide only for one year of school. At the age of nine and a half, on the day of her First Communion, she received the gift of the stigmata.

Rosalie asked Jesus for the grace to have these graces hidden and this happened until the age of 17. After she had decided to enter a convent she became gravely ill, so much so that she received the anointing of the sick, and from that point on she never regained her health. She remained for 25 years in bed, paralyzed in her native home in Reckhoven. Day and night she suffered terribly, but for her, these sufferings were a great grace. She died on February 16, 1919. The mystical phenomena multiplied. Her contacts with the Angels were numerous. Unable to go to Holy Mass, an Archangel would come every night to bring her Holy Communion. The celestial messenger was announced by the sound of small bells, and often two or three souls from Purgatory, for whom Rosalie was praying, would accompany him. These nocturnal communions were seen by more than one witness. At that time, Fr. Duchataeau was the vicar of Lummen, and for 10 years he became the confessor of Rosalie. Under obedience Rosalie had to inform him of the nocturnal visits of the Archangel. The vicar, Fr. Duchateau, told her: "I myself will come this night, to ascertain

the truth of that which you say". That same night an armchair was placed close to the bed of Rosalie. Midnight had scarcely passed when the sound of a bell was heard in the room. The priest rose and saw the Archangel accompanied by three souls from Purgatory. It was a disturbing experience: the vicar confided later that he never had such great fear in his life, and that if the Lord had not helped him, he would have surely died out of fear.

