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Introducing Monthly Parish Themes:

The Little Way of Joy

In recent years, Father Horn has been feeling called to help our community grow in our faith in a unified way. To that end, this year we will have a parish theme for each month. Throughout the 2022-2023 year we will be exploring the Little Way of St. Therese with a new theme each month that offers a fresh perspective.

On the first Sunday of each month, you will find this Parish Theme page with profound quotes gathered by the Faith Formation Solutions Team. Save this page for prayer and reflection throughout the month, and join us for in-person events and social media initiatives to explore each month's theme more!

From St. Therese:

"I realized thoroughly that joy is not found in the things which surround us, but lives only in the soul. One could possess it as well in an obscure prison as in the palace of a king. And so now I am happier at the Carmel, in the midst of trials within and without, than I was in the world where I had everything I wanted, and, above all, the joys of a happy home." *Story of a Soul*, Ch 6

From the Scriptures:

"What we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing this so that our joy may be complete." 1 John 1:3-4

Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. And let perseverance be perfect, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

"The transmission of the Christian faith consists primarily in proclaiming Jesus Christ in order to lead others to faith in him. From the beginning, the first disciples burned with the desire to proclaim Christ: "We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." It And they invite people of every era to enter into the joy of their communion with Christ." (#425)

Living as Joyful Missionary Disciples:

"Unless we manifest to others the joy that is ours from having found the "pearl of great price" and from being sure of the Gospel's invincible power, we will not attract others to listen to the good news. A parish of glum faces and grumpy attitudes will attract no one. Let our faces show our joy, which is not based on our changing circumstances but the unchanging presence of the risen Lord among us." (Unleash the Gospel, Marker 8:1)

For Children:

What makes you happy? St. John Paul II wrote to the young people of the world saying, "It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness!" Jesus is the One who can satisfy your deepest desires for happiness. Jesus wants you to be happy even when things around you are difficult. This kind of happiness is called joy! St. Therese wrote, "joy is not found in the things which surround us, but lives only in the soul." Joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you grow more and more joyful this summer!

