

The Holy Rosary – Why and How to pray

The main purpose of these series of talks is to invite people to pray, seeing prayer as a union of people with God, out of love.

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Sep 17	First day of classes
Sep 24 Victor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● History of the Rosary – the man who could not read ● St. Dominic, St. Pio of Pietrelcina ● Encouragement to pray the Rosary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Out of love for God ○ Out of love for Our Lady ○ Our of love for those whom you are going to pray for ● The Rosary and the Bible – 18 direct readings ... and how about the other two? ● When we pray we are not alone – One body (1 Cor.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Like a choir praising God and Our Lady ● The sign of the Cross – In the Name – What is in a name? Abram to Abraham, Simon to Peter, Saul to Paul – our names – Moses and the burning bush ● The Apostles Creed – I believe, we believe – CCC – encouragement to read it ● Faith, Hope, Love – Spe Salvi – Hebrews - Corinthians
Oct 15 Victor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Joyous Mysteries 1 and 2 ● The Annunciation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Samuel – His mother could not conceive and gives the boy to God – Hannah and Eli ○ Samson – He also was consecrated and given a great gift, but misuses it. How do we use our gifts? ○ Let it be done according to your word – Is this our response to God’s invitation to love? ○ The Lord is with you – The angel Gabriel ○ Spiritual Fruit: Humility ● The Visitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Why did Our Lady go visit her cousin? ○ Abraham visits Melchizedek – the offering ○ St. Paul’s letters visiting cities – encouragement and guidance ○ How are our visits to people we know? ○ Blessed is the fruit of your womb ○ Spiritual Fruit: Love of Neighbor
Oct 29 Victor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Joyous Mysteries 3, 4 and 5 ● The Nativity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ St. Luke, St. Matthew ○ The Epiphany – And they went back by another road – kind of forced, like Jonah. How are we going to live (or are living) our lives after encountering Jesus? ○ Abram – Abraham

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Moses' first days o The trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem must have been very difficult o Spiritual Fruit: Poverty of Spirit ● The Presentation of Our Lord <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Anna and Simon – Joy and sorrow meet o St. Joseph's visions, Our Lady's humbleness o Spiritual Fruit: Purity of mind and body ● Jesus is Found in the Temple <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o They were amazed ... He became obedient ... Where do we find Jesus? Maybe Joseph or Arimathea and Nicodemus were there, the greater good ... just a thought o Our Lady kept all these things in her heart o Spiritual Fruit: Obedience
Nov 5 Philip and Victor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Luminous Mysteries 1 and 2 ● The Baptism of The Lord <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All 4 Gospels – I am not worthy to untie His sandals, not worthy of being His servant o Naaman the Syrian – 7 times in the Jordan o Crossing the sea and the river – Exodus – Joshua o Water cleanses and destroys – symbol o Our Lady did not need a baptism, but hers was like Our Lords' second baptism o Spiritual Fruit: Gratitude for the gift of Faith ● The Wedding at Cana <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o First miracle, and it was through the intercession of Our Lady o Which can we call first miracle in the Old Testament? What is a miracle? The perfection of Nature o Tobias' wedding – our weddings and marriages o Our Lady tells us: Do whatever He tells you o Spiritual Fruit: Fidelity
Nov 19	Neither Philip nor I will be there
Nov 26 Victor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Luminous Mysteries 3, 4 and 5 ● The Proclamation of the Kingdom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Inviting to conversion o Repent and believe in the Gospel – What is the Good News? o God and Abram (again) – the promise o God and Moses – he is sent in spite of his defects o The parables – how to proclaim the Kingdom – actions, smile o The miracles – why don't we see as many miracles? o God and St. Paul – God choses the least expected – like us o St. Anthony of Padua o St. Maximilian Kolbe o Our Lady was the first to hear the proclamation of the Kingdom o Spiritual Fruit: Desire for Holiness

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Transfiguration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The burning bush ○ Moses' face was radiant ○ Where were Moses and Elijah? The Law and the Prophets ○ How do we see Our Lord? True man and true God – Do we see Our Lord as Our Lady see Him? ○ Spiritual Fruit: Spiritual Courage ● The Institution of the Eucharist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I am the bread that came down from Heaven – Jn. 6 ○ The Synoptics and the Last Supper ○ Manna – pre-figurations ○ You are what you eat – St. Augustine – we can never be any closer to God than when we take Communion ○ Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of Eternal Life ○ Our Lady has been the closest human being to God than any other human been ○ Spiritual Fruit: Love of our Eucharistic Lord
Dec 3 Philip and Victor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Sorrowful Mysteries 1, 2 and 3 ● The Agony in the Garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jn. 17. ○ Are we sleeping? ○ Jesus prays for us ○ Solomon – God gives graces, what do we do with them? ○ Our Lady also prays for us ○ Spiritual Fruit: God's Will be done ● The Scourging at the Pillar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When do we hurt Him? ○ Trials and tribulations of the People of God ○ St. Paul's trials and tribulations (2 Cor.) ○ St. Edith Stein, St. Maximillian Kolbe ○ Our Lady suffers with Our Lord ○ Spiritual Fruit: Mortification of the senses ● The Crowning with Thorns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ King ○ Trials and tribulations of king David and other people of God – Abraham, Noah, Jonah, Elijah ○ Song – Only this I want ... and to bear His cross, so to wear the crown He wore ○ Our Lady inspires strength in times of suffering ○ Spiritual Fruit: Reign of Christ in our heart
Dec 10 Philip and Victor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Sorrowful Mysteries 4 and 5 ● The Carrying of the Cross <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pilates washes his hands ... when do I wash my hands? ○ Meeting with the women of Jerusalem

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Veronica – the true icon – Tradition o Jesus falls, then goes on o Simon helps ... do I help? When I want or when it is needed? o The greatest of sufferings: to see our loved ones suffer. How much more when the one who suffers is innocent and your son or daughter! o Spiritual Fruit: Patient bearing of trials ● The Crucifixion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The seven words o Forgive them Father, they do not know what they do – Do I forgive? How fast? Or too late? o Today you will be with me in Paradise. o I thirst o My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? o Woman, behold your son o Son, behold your mother o Consumatum Est – It is finished o Spiritual Fruit: Pardoning of Injuries
<p>Jan 7 Philip and Victor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Glorious Mysteries The Resurrection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o St. Mary Magdalene – The first witness o Sts. Peter and John – Be fast but know your place (St. John didn't go first) o St. Thomas – Courageous man who speaks what he believes o St. Thomas – My Lord and My God o The disciples go to Emmaus – and back o St. Faustina – Divine Mercy o Forty days of apparitions o It seems Our Lady did not go to the tomb, I'm sure she knew in her heart Our Lord has risen o Spiritual Fruit: Faith
<p>Jan 14 Philip and Victor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Glorious Mysteries The Ascension <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Baptize them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit o He was taken up to Heaven o Men of Galilee, what are you doing looking up to Heaven? o A cloud prevented them from seeing Him no more – Where is Heaven? o Our Lady's longing to be with her son again o Spiritual Fruit: Christian Hope
<p>Jan 28 Victor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Glorious Mysteries The Descent of the Holy Spirit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Church is born o The gifts of the Holy Spirit o The fruits of the Holy Spirit o Our Lady was there, she already knew the Holy Spirit as He overshadowed her

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Spiritual Fruit: Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Feb 4 Philip and Victor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Glorious Mysteries The Assumption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Enoch o Elijah o St. John received her in his house o St. Luke – I believe he heard from Our Lady the accounts of what he wrote from the annunciation to when Jesus was found in the Temple o This is our faith, if death is the consequence of sin, then Our Lady had what we call a “dormition” a death-like sleep, then went up to Heaven as we one day expect our glorified bodies to go to Heaven as well. o Approved apparitions – Fatima – Lourdes - Guadalupe o Spiritual Fruit: To Jesus through Mary
Feb 25 Victor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Glorious Mysteries The Coronation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Revelation – A woman clothed with the Sun, with the Moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars o In Jewish kingdoms, it was the queen mother who was by the king, as advisor o The Immaculate Conception – St. Bernadette o Spiritual Fruit: Grace of Final Perseverance
Mar 11 Philip and Victor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meditations on the Rosary prayers: ● Our Father ● Hail Mary ● Glory Be ● Fatima prayer – Oh my Jesus...
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