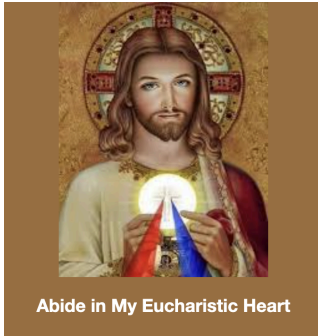


TASTE Reflection Questions
February 15, 2024



Perfected in Grace
The Lord is With You
Deacon Jim Munno

When you look at the Crucifix,
you understand how much Jesus loved you then.
When you look at the Sacred Host,
you understand how much He loves you now.
~ St. Teresa of Calcutta.



1. What did you find most interesting about this talk? For example: Analogy of Iron vs. Steel

2. Deacon Jim said that the three pillars of Lent that are infused by Grace are:
 - a.) Prayer - Communion with God. Let your prayer really focus on the indwelling of the Spirit.
 - b.) Almsgiving - Acts of self-sacrificial love for the good of neighbor and the love of God
 - c.) Fasting - Detaches us from self-love and from love of the world
 - Which one/ones would you like to add to your Lenten practice? How do you hope to draw closer to the Lord from this addition?
 - Which ones have you done in the past? How did that draw you closer to God? How did that help make you more Christ-like?

3. Deacon Jim tells us that “We shall be like Him.” He gives us supporting scriptures: Regarding Baptism: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.* (2 Cor 5:17) and *See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now (1 John 3:1).*
 - In what ways are you seeing the “old” pass away in your life?
Example: habits, sins, attitudes, worldly desires, selfishness
 - How are you seeing the “new” in you, as God’s **new** creation?
 - Related to 1 John 3:1, do you feel the **world** “knows” you? Why or why not?

4. Deacon Jim challenged us to reorientate our lives, and to bring **ourselves** deeply to Christ.
 - What would you like to do to participate with Christ to bring yourself deeply to Him, which will cause a reorientation of your life?