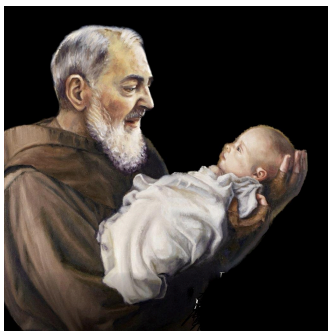




TASTE Reflection Questions
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**Advent in Scripture:
A Focus on the Joyful Mysteries**

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Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry ~ Padre Pio



1. What did you find most interesting about this talk?

What did you think about his stories of: a) being a Chaplain in the hospital or b) saluting attendees of his ordination?

2. Fr. Jean-Marie Vincent explained that tradition says St. Dominic had an apparition of Our Lady in 1214 when she gave him the Rosary not as a weapon, but as a way to work against heresies and to conform our lives to the life of Christ. The Rosary prayer would help him/us: a) discern against heresies, b) work against our vices, c) protect us by the virtues, d) give us the power to implore Divine Mercy, and e) obtain our Lady's protection by acting as an intercessor and leading us to Jesus.

- Were you aware of the circumstances, including the heresies, as to why Mary appeared to St Dominic?
- How does meditating on the scripture in the Rosary prayer keep us from heresy?
- What benefits have you realized in yourself or others by praying the Rosary?

3. Fr. Jean-Marie Vincent said that meditation on the aspects of the life of Jesus are given to us to meditate and conform our lives to the life of Jesus. Scripture is that which helps us meditate on who Jesus is. When we meditate & contemplate on the mysteries, we act on our memory - imagining ourselves in the situation.

- How has meditating on the mysteries of the scriptures while praying the Rosary conformed your life?
- What are some additional ways you would like to incorporate scripture in your life?

4. Fr. Jean-Marie Vincent mentioned 3 types of **JOY** (see next/back page):

- **EUPHRAINO**: Pleased, Spontaneous (e.g., Psalm 96:11 – Let the Heavens be glad and the earth rejoice ...)
- **KHAIRO**: Joyful presence, Grace (e.g., Angelic Salutation, Elizabeth's joy at visitation from Mary)
- **AGALLIASIS**: Jubilant, Strongest Joy (e.g., The Magnificat – My soul rejoices in the Lord)

- Were you aware of the distinction between these 3 types of Joy? Is it now clearer or still a bit confusing?
- Was there a particular story that he mentioned in the Old or New Testament that reflected joy most to you?
- Can you think of a time when you were joyful? Explain. Which type of joy was it?

TOPIC	DETAILS
Via Viatores Quaerit	• “The way seeks the travelers.” VIA = the way / the path; VIATORES = travelers; QUAERIT = seeks / looks for / searches for. We are pilgrims on this Earth.
The Rosary and St. Dominic	• In 1214, Our Lady gave St. Dominic a Rosary not as a weapon, but as a way to work against heresies & to conform our lives to the life of Christ. The Rosary Prayer will help him/us discern against heresies, work against our vices, protect us by the virtues, give us the power to implore divine mercy, & obtain our lady's protection by acting as an intercessor and leading us to Jesus.
Meditation	• The Rosary is a meditation on Jesus' life, His passion, death, resurrection, and glory to conform our lives to the life of Jesus. To reflect and think in silence with the words that are given to us through the scriptures about the life of Jesus.
Chaplin in Hospital	• Fr. Jean-Marie was a Chaplin in the hospital and was called to visit a man on the brink of death. • After his visit, the man was down-graded to ICU, then to a regular room, & then released home. • The man later invited him to dinner, told him his sacramental voice brought him comfort and consolation, and said that his priesthood is regarded highly in heaven. This service is a joy!
Rosarium / Rosario (Rosary)	• Rosarium (Latin) means rose garden, collection of roses, or (metaphorically) garland of roses. • Rosario (Italian/Spanish) means rosary (the prayer and the string of beads used for it). • The rosary is circular, representing eternity with no beginning or end, but progression of our life.
Mysterio / Mysteria / Mysterium (Mysteries)	• Mysterio comes from Latin/Greek root Mysterium: secret, mystery, hidden thing, divine mystery. • There are 4 mysteries of the Rosary – 1) Joyful, 2) Luminous, 3) Sorrowful, and 4) Glorious. • In praying the Rosary, we discern the Mysteries by meditation to delve into silence.
Monk / Noise / Silence of Community	• Fr. Jean-Marie thought he had a vocation to be a Monk in the Monastery. There was noise – on-going thoughts that invade his/our silence. Yet, he noticed silence in the community – being aware of each other's presence and ongoing dialogue without words. This is spiritual freedom.
Go into the Deep / Cast Your Nets	• Luke 5:4 – After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” This is what we do with the Rosary. We go away from the shore of our busy life and cast our net (with the net being the rosary we pray and meditate on the mystery).
Scripture / Contemplation	• Scripture is that which helps us meditate on who Jesus is. • When we meditate & contemplate on the mysteries, we act on our memory – imagining ourselves in the situation. In that representation, we consider / imagine the where, what, who ...
Body / Heart / Head Inner Silence	• When we contemplate the mysteries, we use our body, heart, and head. Our body is listening. • Our hearts are touched by what we perceive about the mystery & grow in faith & understanding. • We cannot love what we do not know. The Rosary helps us know Jesus through inner silence.
Joyful Mysteries	• There are 5 joyful mysteries: 1) The Annunciation, 2) The Visitation, 3) The Birth of Our Lord, 4) The Presentation of our Lord, and 5) The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple. • Take time to meditate and contemplate on these joyful mysteries.
Euphrainō joy Khairō joy Agalliasis joy	• Euphrainō - To gladden, to make joyful, to celebrate, to be cheerful. (e.g. Prodigal Son) • Khairō – To rejoice; to be glad; to delight; to greet with joy. (e.g., The Angel to Mary “Rejoice”) • Agalliasis – Exultation, ecstatic, rejoicing exceedingly. (John the Baptist leaping for joy in womb)
Ordination	• Father remembers he was one of the 1st two newly ordained priests to leave the cathedral. • The bells were ringing and many people who watched it on a big screen were outside clapping. • Out of pure joy, he saluted everyone as if he knew every one of them!
Old Testament: Adam / Abraham / Samson (Nazerite)	• When God creates Eve out of Adam's flesh, he jubilates as he sees in her the bone of his bone. • God promised Abraham that he would have descendants. Although he did not think it was possible since Sarah was 90 years old, he was filled with joy when Sarah gave birth to Issac. • Samson's annunciation & birth was joyful since his mother was barren, he was consecrated to God from the womb, & he received power thru his hair. (Nazerite is one consecrated to God)
New Testament: Annunciation to Zachariah	• The angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah who was a priest serving the temple) & announced that his elderly, barren wife Elizabeth would have a son named John. • He doubted the angel's message, became mute until John was born, and when he obediently named the child "John," his speech returned and he joyfully praised God by prophecy.