

Agenda for the Rosary for Sister Marina Rose

Pete Fadich: Give welcome to the Rosary for Sister Marina Rose.
Explain that Sisters will share reflections as we pray the Rosary.

Mary Ellen:

In the rosary, we pray and ponder 20 great mysteries in the life of Jesus and Mary. We call them the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious mysteries. When we talked about which mysteries to pray as we celebrate God's wonderful work in Marina's life, we found ourselves thinking of ALL of them.

Each of these twenty mysteries permeated the life of Virginia Parisi. We might say that Sister Marina Rose's life was drenched with the graces and mysteries she prayed daily. (Each of our lives may be, too. If we dare pay attention.)

This afternoon as we celebrate God at work in Marina's life, and her journey of love, we will reflect on the JOYFUL MYSTERIES of the rosary to guide our memories, but we have prepared a page for you listing all 20 mysteries, so you can continue these rich reflections.

The joyful mysteries celebrate 5 sacred moments from the early years in the lives of Jesus and Mary. They all involve Mary, and they are indeed JOYFUL, as was S. Marina Rose. (Once, a household member put a stuffed squeaky teddy bear out on a shelf where all in the house could make it "talk", because the doll's "hee-hee-hee" sounded so much like Marina's own laughter, which we all heard often.)

And so we begin our journey with the 5 Joyful Mysteries:

Pete: Lead Creed, Our Father, and three Hail Mary's

Charlyne:

The first joyful mystery: the Annunciation

God's entry into human history in human form is expressed for us most vividly in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and HIS journey began when Mary accepted God's gracious request of her: Mary, blessed are you among all women. Will you allow my Spirit to overshadow you, so that the child you bear in your womb will be truly the Son of God, the Promised One, taking flesh of your flesh to fulfill all of God's promises to your ancestors from Adam until now? And Mary said "yes."

Kathleen:

We can ponder what we might know about S. Marina Rose's sense of being called by God to bear His life to others. I think of the many "yesses" she said to God in her lifetime, perhaps more than we know.

Now we consider the mysteries of God's love growing in Mary and in Marina Rose as we pray ...

Pete: Our Father ... Hail Mary's.... Glory....

Kathleen:

The second joyful mystery: Mary Visits Elizabeth in her time of need. Mary, upon learning of Elizabeth's pregnancy, travels from Galilee to a town in the hill country of Judah.... To help her cousin with the tasks of daily living. The two women are filled with joy as they recognize God's goodness working in their lives. The baby in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy in the presence of Jesus in the womb of Mary, and Mary prays the now beloved canticle that begins: "My soul proclaims the greatness of our God"

Charlyne:

Many of the tasks of daily living were S. Marina Rose's delight and great strength. Many years ago, she was specifically asked to help S. Kathleen Ross with the tasks of daily living, as Kathleen continued to guide Heritage University in the prophetic life it brings to the Yakima Valley and far beyond. Anyone who knows Marina knows the love, joy and dedication she brought to that mission. She was already so practiced in the skills of community living from all her years before that, in Portland, in Seattle, in Arequipa, Peru. We can think of what memories we have of S. Marina Rose as the joyful and practical helper of a person or community in need.

Pete: Our Father.....Hail Mary Glory....

Charlyne:

The third joyful mystery: Jesus is born in Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph travelled to the home of Joseph's ancestors, but they could not find room in any house of hospitality; so the Son of God was born in a stable, and laid in a manger, where animals and angels, shepherds from near-by and wise men from far away could witness this miracle of God's intimate love for humanity.

Kathleen:

Marina Rose was born July 6, 1932 on a farm in upstate New York, to Italian immigrant farmer parents, but her father took the family back to Italy just before World War II began. Little Virginia Parisi celebrated her 7th birthday on the ship. When war came to the town where they lived, they hid from the bombs in a cave in the hillside.

That once terrified little girl lived to become a Holy Names Sister, to teach little children in parishes of simple people in Portland, Seattle, Arequipa Peru and the Yakima Valley. In an odd twist of fate, in her days of being born into eternal life, there was no room in the inn.... In the hospital in Yakima, ... and she had to be taken to Kennewick in the middle of the night, where she was a complete stranger to the medical staff, until her Sisters could join her the next day and again on Monday, November 15. Together we could usher her into the arms of God.

Pete: Our Father..... Hail Mary Glory....

Charlyne:**The fourth joyful mystery: The presentation of the child Jesus in the temple .**

We think about Mary and Joseph bringing the child Jesus to the temple to be dedicated to God. They were fulfilling the Jewish law. We remember how they offered the sacrifice of poor people: two turtle doves. We remember that Mary was given messages from wise elders there, Simeon and Anna, messages that included both wonder and sorrow.

Kathleen:

We can wonder, how many children did Marina present to God? How many children did she prepare for the sacraments? Her constant plea to her Sisters, family, and friends was this: pray for our children preparing for First Communion, and for their families. She taught, encouraged and EXPECTED home-based practices of faith to help the children grow and flourish as followers of Jesus in the full Catholic tradition.

We can each YOU remember examples of how S. Marina Rose was so faithful all her long life to the teachings and practices of her Catholic faith?

Charlyne: The 5th joyful mystery: Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the temple

When 12-year-old Jesus made the journey from Nazareth to Jerusalem to visit the temple with his parents, it was officially the first year of his young manhood. He and his parents got separated when he remained in the temple, listening to the teachers and asking them questions, while his parents began their journey home. When his parents finally found him three days later, and rejoiced at finding him, he asked, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's House?" They didn't understand what he meant, of course; and then he went back home with Mary and Joseph, and stayed with them into his full adulthood, until he was about 30 years old. He grew in wisdom, age, and grace, and Mary kept all these things in her heart, All these mysteries..... and pondered on them.

Kathleen:

In Marina Rose's life, too, there were painful losses and joyful reunions, and she, too, pondered the mysteries in her life. All her life she continued to grow, not only to her wonderful age of almost 90, but in wisdom and grace. When a beloved spiritual director suggested she write down some of these memories of God's work in her own life, she did so, and would return to those writings, pray with them, and draw from a rich storehouse of personal experiences to feed her own growth in faith and to share with others. Perhaps we each have memories of S. Marina Rose sharing her wisdom and grace with others, as we pray this decade of the rosary.

Pete: Our Father.... Hail Mary.... Glory be to the Father...

Mary Ellen:

There will be time to share many more of our stories about Sister Marina Rose after the 1:00 Mass tomorrow at St. Aloysius Church here in Toppenish. If these Joyful Mysteries we prayed together, or others of the mysteries of the rosary, catch your attention, we invite you to follow that inspiration. Papers listing all 20 of the mysteries are available at the exit. We hope to see you tomorrow.

Pete: Thank participants for coming.