

In the 4<sup>th</sup> Joyful Mystery we read and we meditate undisturbed:

A SYSTEMATIC CARD for the  
**METHOD of PRAYER- SLC**  
( By care of the Little Friars and Sisters V.V. of Jesus and Mary )

( D2 – Friar P.M.V.-F. )

# “The Presentation of Baby Jesus to the Temple”...

## FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - **LUKE** - :

*“When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to offer him to the Lord, just as it is written in the Law of the Lord” ( Lc 2, 22-23 )...*

## MEDITATIONS ON THE MYSTERY:

“To be ‘completely Saved’ (it’s not enough to attend the Sacred Temple, but) one must confess their own sins in the right way, given that it’s written that: *‘The Knowledge of Salvation is in the Remission of sins’* (Cf. Lk 1,77) ! And, for who ever happens to say (before the Remission): ‘I’m without sin’, the Apostle (with the help of Mary) answers them: *‘If we say that we are without sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we -acknowledge- our sins (in the correct way), He who is Faithful and Just, will forgive our sins and will purify us from every guilt’*” ( Cf. 1 Jn 1,8-9 ). ( Cf. Friar Volantino V., in SLC, pg. 175 )

## FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE ( Catholic ) CHURCH :

- In regards to acknowledging and seeing one’s own faults... like so says St. Antony of Padua: *“Before the sun’s light ray enters a house, the dust suspended within the air is invisible; but if a ray of light enters, it immediately proves (the air) to be full of dust. The knowledge (of one’s own sins) be the ray of light that demonstrates within man’s conscience his faults, putting into evidence and with great clarity all that was earlier hidden”*  
( Sermons, Conversations of St. Paul, No. 11, pg. 1155 )...

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## FREE AND PERSONAL MEDITATION

( for a personal contribution to give to those who listen ) :

- The story of the woman who said to be a “dove”...  
( Recounted by a Bishop of Sicily ) [ Cf. Jer 2, 35b; Pr 30, 12 ] ...

Then follows...

- 1 Our Father...
- 5 Hail Mary’s ...
- 1 Glory Be to the Father... (Sung)

- Oh my Jesus, forgive us ...
- Mary, Queen of Peace ...

- Then, a possible “flash” song coordinated to the mystery / or one says singing: “ Ave....., Ave....., Ave Maria ....”

Then one goes on to the next Mystery that (as this one) for when possible must not take more than 5-7 minutes ...

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N.B. Given that these meditations were born in Italian, don't stop so much at the translation that includes some limits, but stop yourselves rather on what the Spirit proposes! ... The major part of the Scriptural quotations found on these sheets have been translated from the (4<sup>th</sup> edition) Italian version Bible of Jerusalem (approved by the Italian Episcopal Conference - CEI -).