

“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: Every first born male will be sacred to the Lord; and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, as prescribes the Law of the Lord.” (Cf. Lk 2,22-24)

MEDITATIONS ON THE MYSTERY:

“In regards to ‘presentation’, together, we’ll all now present a prayer to Father with a true heart, and that is: let’s all together pray the - Our Father -, however this time, up until I tell you to stop ! (and then I’ll explain). Ready, set, Go... ‘Our father, who art’ in heaven, Holy be your name, your kingdom come, **YOUR WILL BE DONE !**’ (Mt 6, 9-10b) **STOPPPPPPP !... Stop yourself.. what did you say ?** ‘Your Will be done !’. Eh, but you (who’re Listening), have you ever asked the Lord, what His Will is upon you ? (cf. Pg. 17 Sac. Pass. / Jn 4, 34; 1 Ts 4, 3 A.) And (someone could say). what do I have to do to understand what’s the Will of our Father who’s in heaven? Like so says Mary in a certain way: ‘Come here.. **for six consecutive months**, and I will tell you who I am, and what I want from you !’ (cf. Message of the Madonna of Fatima 13 / 5 / 1917)”. (Fr. Volantino V. in S.L.C., pg. 205)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE (Catholic) CHURCH :

In regards to seeking the full Will of God (cf. Col 1,9-10), behold how the Franciscan Sources narrate to us what magnificently happened to Saint Francis of Assisi: “After a short while Francis took off from there in voyage; but as soon as he reached the nearest city, he heard the Lord during the night, who said to him in a familiar voice: ‘Francis, whom would be more useful to you; the lord or the servant?’. ‘The lord’ answered Francis. And immediately the voice perused: ‘So why then do you leave the Lord for the servant ?’. Francis then said: ‘**LORD, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?**’... From then on, detracting from the noise and traffic of people, Francis devotedly begged the divine clemency of being worthy of being shown what he had to do”. (O.S. 1032-1033).

FREE AND PERSONAL MEDITATION

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

- The story of Saint Anthony the Abbott (250 ca. - † 356), who **six months** from the death of his parents, whilst he was reflecting enthusiastically on the way to the Holy Mass on the reason that the Apostles had abandoned everything to follow the Lord, entered into Church whilst the Priest read : “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you possess, give it to the poor, then come and follow me **and you will have a treasure in heaven**” (Mt 19,21). Like so he sold all he had, reserving only a small part for his sister. Later though, in another occasion at the liturgical assembly, he heard the following words: “do not worry for tomorrow” (cf. Mt 6,34) and gave also all that had remained – freed from every earthly thing, he took off to serve the Lord with all his strength **to have a treasure in heaven** (cf. Office of Read. 17th of Jan).
- As well as the parallel situation with Sr. Letizia and her first pilgrimage where in the Reading of the Gospel she heard at Mass: “Don’t take anything for the voyage” ... and after **six months** left everything...

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 (4th edition) Italian version Bible