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# "The Presentation of Baby Jesus in the Temple"...

## FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - LUKE -:

"When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord..." (Luke 2:22-23)<sup>1</sup>

### MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Give us the grace, Lord, like good children and good parents, to present ourselves as often as possible in the Church confession – for, as St. Francis of Assisi says, only to priests is given the divine power to free us from all our sins (cf. Francis, Rule of 1221, Ch. 20). (cf. SLC, pp. 145-146)

## FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to purification, the Second Vatican Council says: "To believers also the Church must ever preach faith and penance, she must prepare them for the sacraments, teach[ing] them to observe all that Christ has commanded." (VATICAN COUNCIL II, Const. Sacrosanctum Concilium, n. 9)

<sup>1</sup> NABRE (USCCB)

#### FREE AND PERSONAL MEDITATION

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

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Then follows ...

- 1 Our Father ...
- 5 Hail Mary
- 1 Glory be to the Father ... (Sung)
- Praised be,,,O my Jesus, forgive us...
- Mary, Queen of Peace ...
- Then, a quick song relevant to the mystery / or one sings: "Aveeeee, Aveeeee, Ave Maria ...."