

“The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River”...



FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - *MATHEW* -:

“After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened...and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’” (Matt. 3:16-17)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

If we, in a “living Baptism,” leave this river of worldly (or even liturgical) patterns as Jesus did, then the Eternal Father will do for us what He did for Jesus: He will speak to us or certify with some luminous sign from Heaven that we too (in a certain way) are “beloved sons!” (cf. *SLC*, p. 37)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to listening to the Voice of the Father who can be “well pleased” with us as well, St. John Paul II says: “Rising from the waters of the Baptismal font, every Christian hears again the voice that was once heard on the banks of the Jordan River... (Lk 3:22). From this comes the understanding that one has been brought into association with the beloved Son, becoming a child of adoption (cf. Gal 4:4-7) and a brother or sister of Christ.” (JOHN PAUL II, Apostolic Exhortation *Christifideles laici*, 30 December 1988, n. 11)

¹NABRE (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”

Then one goes on to the next Mystery which (like this one) if possible must not take more than 5-7 minutes ...