

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



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

*“[After the Baptism,] Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.” (Matt 4:1)<sup>1</sup>*

## MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord, once we have been washed in the water of Baptism, give us the grace to be able to leave, every day, this river of mere patterns (both liturgical and worldly), so that we can go into the silent desert of knowledge and of test: where we can learn to know the Sacred Scriptures well and to fight against all the devils of this world with, ‘It is written, it is written, it is written’ (cf. *Luke* 4:4, 8, 10). (cf. *SLC*, p. 396)

## FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to temptations, the Franciscan Omnibus of Sources recounts: *“As the merits of St. Francis increased, so too did his struggle with the ancient serpent....Though the devil had often proved him to be a man of war...he always tried to attack his always victorious foe.”*

(CELANO, *Second Life*, LXXXI. *English Omnibus of the Sources for the Life of St. Francis*, I, edited by M. A. Habig, St. Anthony Messenger Press, Cincinnati [OH] 2008, pp. 457-458.)

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

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## 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 ...*