

“The Birth of Baby Jesus”...



FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - *MATTHEW* - :

“[T]he angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.” (Matt. 2:13)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Jesus, the Divine Infant, did not come from another world to deprive the Herods of this world of their kingship, nor to deprive anyone of their presumed sanctity. Instead, he came – and continues to come, through those who announce him (cf. ST. AUGUSTINE, *Commentary on the Psalms*, 95,14) – to offer (to those who want it) not only salvation and holiness, but also a throne of power and an eternal kingship. (cf. SLC, p. 112)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to reigning with Christ in one’s holy perseverance, St. Quodvultdeus says: “When they tell of one who is born a king, Herod is disturbed. To save his kingdom he resolves to kill him, though if he would have faith in the child, he himself would reign in peace in this life and for ever in the life to come.”

(QUODVULTDEUS, in: *Off. of Read.*, Feast of the Holy Innocents, 28 December)

¹ 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”

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