

“The Birth of Baby Jesus”...

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO – *MATTHEW* – :

“Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is the newborn King of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.’” (Matt 2:1-2)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord, give us the grace to learn from the luminous teaching of the Magi and – since it is Your word that advises us to do so – to be very attentive to the fantastic “comet” or “star” that shines in the “night” of this life.
(cf. *SLC*, p. 111)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- With regards to being guided by the light of faith, St. Padre Pio says: *“The Faith also guides us, and with its light before us we are secure as we follow the path that leads us to God, to His country, just as the Holy Magi – guided by the star, the symbol of faith – reached their desired destination.”*

(PIO DA PIETRELCINA, *L’Epifania del Signore*, II, in: *Epistolario IV*, unpublished translation by pfsgm)

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 ...