

“The Birth of Baby Jesus”...



FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO – *LUKE* - :

“And Joseph too went up...to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, ...to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” (Luke 2:4-7)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord, as we consider the example of St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary, who endured so many misunderstandings and faced so many dangers and sufferings out of love for You, we ask You for the grace to be reborn every day – and ever more fully – to new life in You. (cf. SLC, p. 109)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to knowing how to face dangers and sufferings, Pope Francis says: *Arriving in Bethlehem and finding no lodging where Mary could give birth, Joseph took a stable and, as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God come into the world... [Let us] show the same creative courage as the carpenter of Nazareth, who was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence.*” (FRANCIS, Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, 8 December 2020)

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 ...