

“The finding of Jesus in the Temple”...



FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - *LUKE* -:

“[H]is mother said to him, ‘Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.’ And he said to them, ‘Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must [be about my Father’s business]?’” (Luke 2:48-49)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord, if we have lost You, help us not to look for You among friends and family who are not searching for the will of God, but in the opposite direction: among the priests, bishops, etc. of the Holy Temple of the Roman Catholic Apostolic Church! (cf. *SLC*, p. 225)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to natural parents and supernatural parents, St. John Chrysostom says: *“God has bestowed a power on priests greater than that of our natural parents. The two indeed differ as much as the present and the future life. For our natural parents generate us unto this life only, but the others [that is, priests,] unto that which is to come.”*

(JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, *On the Priesthood* III.6, in: *New Advent*, <https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/19223.htm>, translated by W.R.W. Stephens, from *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, First Series*, Vol. 9, edited by Philip Schaff, Christian Literature Publishing Co., Buffalo [NY] 1889, Revised and edited for New Advent by Kevin Knight, accessed 29 July 2023.)

¹ NABRE (USCCB); final phrase from the Italian Jerusalem Bible (CEI) 2008, unpublished translation by pfsgm

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 ...