

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

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - *LUKE* -:

“Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it... After three days they found him in the temple... and his mother said to him, ... 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 2:43-49)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Give us the grace, Lord, to be able to say this, especially to all those parents distressed by the “loss” of their children (who have discovered their vocation or whom you have called): *“Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father’s business?”* (Luke 2:49). (cf. SLC, p. 227)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to divine vocation and earthly parents, Pope Francis writes: *“Jesus is a model of obedience to earthly parents, placing himself under their charge (cf. Lk. 2:51), but he also shows that children’s life decisions and their Christian vocation may demand a parting for the sake of the Kingdom of God (cf. Mt. 10:34-37; Lk. 9:59-62).”* (FRANCIS, Post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, 19 March 2016, n. 18)

¹ NABRE (USCCB); final phrase from the Italian Jerusalem Bible (CEI) 2008, unpublished translation by pfsgm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