

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



FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - LUKE -:

“After they had completed [the days of the feast],... 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:

Lord, when Your children have a Vocation but are being undermined by their parents’ insistent attempts to turn them away from Your will, give us the grace to help them say, *“Why are you trying to turn me away [from God’s will]? Don’t you know that I have to be about my Father’s business?”* Reflect on this, and let those who can understand, understand, for it is written: *“Be careful not to fight against God!”* (cf. Acts 5:39b). (cf. SLC, p. 227)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to parents who distractedly try to turn their children away from God’s will, St. John Bosco says: *“Those who set themselves to follow Christ must be detached from their parents!”*
(GIOVANNI BOSCO, *Massime*, XII, 502)

¹ NABRE (USCCB); final phrase from the Italian Jerusalem Bible (CEI) 2008, unpublished translation by pfsgm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