

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

### **FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO – LUKE–:**

*“After they had completed [the days of the feast], as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it... After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.” (Luke 2:43, 46)<sup>1</sup>*

### **MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:**

Lord, give us the grace to help those who have lost You, who have lost the meaning of their lives, search for You again: like the prodigal son, who “was lost” when he was outside the house of the Father (that is, outside the Church – cf. 1Tim 3:15) and was “found” when he returned to the house of the father through the embrace of forgiveness (cf. Luke 15:20-24).

(cf. F-PFSGM, *Catechesis*, The Finding of Jesus in the Temple, 7 March 2015 [It.] )

### **FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:**

- In regards to returning to the House of the Father through the embrace of forgiveness, Pope Francis says: “Confessors are called to embrace the repentant son who comes back home and to express the joy of having him back again.” (FRANCIS, *Misericordiae Vultus*, 11 April 2015, n. 17)

<sup>1</sup>NABRE (USCCB)

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### **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 ...*