

## “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)<sup>1</sup>*

### MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Give us the grace to be able to say this, especially to all those parents distressed by the “loss” of their children, whom you have called: “This, in the name of the Lord, is what your child would say to you if he or she were here – ‘Why are you searching for me? Don’t you know that I have to be about my Father’s business?’ Reflect about this. If only all were as fortunate as you are!” (cf. SLC, p. 227)

### FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to fortunate parents, St. Thérèse of Lisieux recounts: “Behold with what faith Papà accepted the separation from his little queen:... ‘Dear friends, Thérèse, my little queen, has entered the Carmel! God alone can demand such a sacrifice.... Do not commiserate with me, because my heart is overflowing with joy.’ ” (TERESINA DI LISIEUX, *Scritto autobiografico A*, 201.203 [unpublished translation by pfgsm])

<sup>1</sup> NABRE (USCCB); final phrase from the Italian Jerusalem Bible (CEI) 2008, unpublished translation by pfgsm

### 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 ...