

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



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

*“Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover...[but] after they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.”*  
(Luke 2:41-43)<sup>1</sup>

### MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

How could parents possibly lose a child? Only if they are distracted! – With this, Lord, we are not saying that St. Joseph and Mary were distracted; but if You permitted this scene to take place in the Gospel, it is to help us understand that even during religious celebrations it is possible to become distracted and to lose the most precious good: who is Jesus! (cf. *SLC*, p. 225)

### FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to the possibility of losing the “child spirit” even during religious celebrations, the Compendium of Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church says: “*On Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation, believers must refrain from ‘engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God.’*”  
(*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, n. 284)

<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 ...