

# “The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River”...

## FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - *MATHEW* -:

*“Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?’ Jesus said to him in reply, ‘Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then he allowed him.” (Matt 3:13-15)<sup>1</sup>*

## MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Baptism, as St. Paul affirms, is the true circumcision of Christ (cf. *Col 2:11-12*), and Christ was circumcised as a baby (cf. *Luke 2:21*): so we, too, following His example, should receive this “true circumcision of Christ,” or Baptism, as children! (cf. F-pfsgm, *Catechesis*, The Baptism of Jesus, 2 May 2015)

## FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to baptism and circumcision, Pope Innocent III says, “Baptism has taken the place of circumcision... Therefore, just as the he who was circumcised was not lost to his people (cf. *Gen 17:14*), so he who is born again of water and the Holy Spirit will obtain entry into the kingdom of heaven.”  
(INNOCENT III, Letter *Maiores Ecclesiae causas*, 1201, unpublished translation by pfsgm)

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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 ...