

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



FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - LUKE -:

“After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” (Luke 3:21-22)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

We cannot enter directly into Paradise if we have not been well cleansed from our sins (cf. *Matt* 22:10-13) through a living baptism or a good confession (cf. *Titus* 3:5). (cf. *SLC*, p. 180)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- To those who argue for the existence of limbo (as a place where the souls of the non-baptized would go after death), St. Augustine explains: “The heart of the Christian must reject the opinion that...there exists another place where the innocent souls that left this world without receiving baptism are now living happily...Such faith is not faith, because it is not the true and Catholic faith.”

(AUGUSTINE, *Commento al Vantelo di San Giovanni*, LXVIII, 3, unpublished translation by pfgsm)

¹ NABRE (USCCB)

FREE AND PERSONAL MEDIATION

(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 ...