

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



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

*“At once [after the Baptism] the Spirit drove him out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.” (Mark 1:12-13)<sup>1</sup>*

## MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord, give us the grace to leave the continuous and repetitive patterns of the world in order to enter into a knowledge of the eternal and mysterious ways of God, both through a good understanding of the Sacred Scripture and through the mysterious 40 days in the desert (which can be a figure of a time of maturation through trial). (cf. *SLC*, p. 399)

## FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to trials and struggles, St. Augustine says: *“Our pilgrimage on earth cannot be exempt from trial. We progress by means of trial. No one knows himself except through trial, or receives a crown except after victory, or strives except against an enemy or temptations.”*

(AUGUSTINE, in: *Office of Readings*, Sunday Week 1 of Lent)

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

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## 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 ...