

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



FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - *MATTHEW* -:

“After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold,... a voice came from the heavens, saying, ‘This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased.’” (Matt 3:16-17)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

What is the true meaning of Baptism – if not the daily effort to leave behind the “river” of worldly patterns, or even the “river” of [simply receiving] the Sacraments [as a matter of habit and] not as a way of life, in order to enter the mysterious and silent desert and come to know the infinite plans of God?
(cf. *SLC*, p. 399)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to coming out of worldly patterns, Pope Francis says: *“Following and accompanying Christ, staying with him, demands ‘coming out of ourselves’, requires us to be outgoing; to come out of ourselves, out of a dreary way of living faith that has become a habit, out of the temptation to withdraw into our own plans which end by shutting out God’s creative action.”*
(FRANCIS, *General Audience*, 27 March 2013)

¹NABRE (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 ...