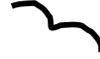


# “The Birth of Baby Jesus”...



## FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO – *MATTHEW* – :

“Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is the newborn King of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.’” (Matt 2:1-2)<sup>1</sup>

## MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord, give us the grace to learn from the luminous teaching of the Magi and – since it is Your word that advises us to do so – to be very attentive to the fantastic “comet” or “star” that shines in the “night” of this life (cf. 2Pet 1:19). (cf. SLC, p. 111)

## FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- Regarding stars, Pope Benedict XVI says: “The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives.... Jesus Christ is the true light... but to reach him we also need lights close by – people who shine with his light and so guide us along our way.” (BENEDICT XVI, Encyclical *Spe Salvi*, n. 49)

<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 ...