

“The Birth of Baby Jesus”...



FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO – *LUKE* - :

“And Joseph too went up...to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, ...to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger...”
(Luke 2:4-7)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord, if you permitted the little Savior to be born...in the poor “city of David,” it is because it is there that we have to look for him: in that humble House where one prays in poverty. (cf. *SLC*, p. 113)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to evangelical poverty, St. Augustine says: “Let [the shepherds] receive from the people what is necessary for their maintenance, but let them expect the true recompense for their service from the Lord.” (AGOSTINO, in: *Uff. Di Lett.*, Mar. XXIV sett. T.O., unpublished translation by pfsgm)

¹ NABRE (USCCB)

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 ...