



“The Presentation of Baby Jesus in the Temple”...

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO – LUKE –:

“When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord...” (Luke 2:22-23)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

How much time has passed since we have “presented” ourselves to the wise Simeon (that is, to our bishop or priest) for confession, or brought others to confession – for our own purification from sins and for the purification of others? (cf. *SLC*, p. 145)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- Regarding purification, St. Francis of Assisi says: “My friars...are to confess to priests of the Order [or] any other qualified Catholic priest.... because the power of binding and loosing has been given to priests alone.”

(FRANCIS OF ASSISI, *Rule of 1221*, Ch. 20, in: *St. Francis of Assisi. Writings and Early Biographies. English Omnibus of the Sources for the Life of St. Francis*, I, edited by M. A. Habig, Franciscan Press, Quincy [IL] 1991, p. 46)

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 ...