

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

## FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO – LUKE –:

“They took [the child] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.... When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.” (Luke 2:22, 39)<sup>1</sup>

## MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

How should we present ourselves to the Lord – with works or without works? The Lord says, “Behold, I am coming quickly, and I have my reward in hand, to render to every person according to his works” (cf. Rev 22:12). And the apostle, with a thundering and authoritative voice, confirms: “faith without works is dead” (cf. James 2:14, 17). (cf. SLC, pp. 183-184)

## FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to works, St. Thérèse of Lisieux says, “The most beautiful thoughts are nothing without works.” (TERESA DI LISIEUX, *Storia di un’anima*, C, 304)

<sup>1</sup> 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 ...