

“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:

Given that it is written, *“From there you will search for the Lord... and you will find him if you search with all your heart and with all your soul”* (cf. Deut 4:29), why should I “present” myself and search for the Lord in the temple of the Catholic Church, where there are images and carved statues?

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to presenting oneself in the temple where there are images, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says: *“Already in the Old Testament, God ordained or permitted the making of images that pointed symbolically toward salvation by the incarnate Word: so it was with the bronze serpent, the ark of the covenant, and the cherubim.”* (CCC 2130)

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 ...