

“Jesus in the Garden of Olives”...

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - *JOHN* -:

“Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered....Jesus had often met there with his disciples.” (John 18:1-2)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Just as Jesus often withdrew to the Garden of Olives with his disciples (cf. *John* 18:2; *Luke* 9:10-12c), let us, too, retreat often, together with our most intimate friends, in the mystical “garden of retreat” (cf. *Hos* 2:16; *Jer* 31:2): that we may see, understand and accept the Will of the Father! (cf. *SLC*, p. 254)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to retreating in order to understand the Will of God, St. Padre Pio says: “*Remain in retreat as much as you can, because in retreats the Lord speaks freely to the soul, and the soul is better able to listen to His voice.*” (PIO DA PIETRELCINA, *LdP* 97 [unpublished translation by pfgsm])

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 ...