



## THE WORD IS THE QUEEN OF THE WORLD (AUT. 449)

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

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Word of God is the primary of our spirituality (Sourcebook 37)

# VADEMECUM

A COMMENTARY TO THE SUNDAY GOSPEL FOR AND FROM LAY CLARETIANS



## REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



Today's reading presents a familiar situation in the life of Jesus and Mary. She, as Mother, questions the decision of her Son who says he is worried about the things of his Father (Sourcebook 3). However, although as a mother she does not understand him with her mind, she reacts with her heart. Claret captured this force from the Heart of Mary and shows it to us like this: "In the Heart of Mary, two things must be considered: the material heart and the formal heart, which is love and will. The material heart of Mary is an organ, sense or instrument of love and will; just as we see through the eyes, through the ears we hear, through the nose we smell and through the mouth we speak, so through the heart we love and love »

IT IS WORD OF GOD (AUT. 450)

## REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD



The same as Jesus, in our Claretian spirituality The Word is the protagonist of our life: to listen to it and to welcome it in our hearts as Mary did, evangelizes us and helps us to face situations that we are not capable of understanding. As in the family of Nazareth, this also happens frequently in our own families. Mary invites us to face these situations of incomprehension putting ourselves in the hands of God and acting from the heart as she did. As for Mary, for the Lay Claretians the family is one of our main fields of mission and we strive to make it a true domestic Church (Sourcebook 26).

IT IS WORD OF LIFE (AUT. 450)

## PRAYER FROM THE GOSPEL

Mary, to you who were faithful followers of Jesus and collaborator of his mission, we ask you that your presence in our lives makes us more docile to God every day. So that following your example of how to listen and welcome the word of God, our mission in life is more like that of Jesus. That just as you were for Claret, also be for us the image of tender heart, given to God, which animates and impels us to be true followers of Jesus.

