

# 1817 – 2017 Celebrations

## Mary, Jeanne-Marie and each of us



### 4. Jesus, the Temple, and Nazareth

**Three days** later Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple... they were upset and hurt. His mother said, “Young man, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been half out of our minds looking for you.”

**His mother held these things dearly,  
deep within herself.** Lk 2: 46-48

**Losing sight of Jesus...** Jeanne Marie Chavoin: “When we lose the spirit of prayer we go astray”. RMJ 141.1

**An invitation to return home with Jesus...** In always directing your first thought to Him who wills or allows everything, you cannot lose the presence of God. CMJ 86.2

**Pondering ...** Do you not realise that you are a Temple of God with the Spirit of God living in you? ...God’s Temple is holy, and you are that temple. 1 Cor 3: 16-17

Neuroscience now tells us that fear, negativity, and hatred stick like Velcro to the nerves, while positivity, gratitude, and appreciation slide away like Teflon from those same nerves – until we savour them, or choose them, for a minimum of a conscious fifteen seconds! Only then do they imprint! ... The positive, loving, non-argumentative savouring of the moment is called contemplation.

**The Divine Dance, Richard Rohr P. 116**

A Marist sister's sole desire should be to resemble the little family...  
Last Words of Mother St Joseph *on the eve of her death*.... RMJ Doc 108.2

**What is my sole desire?**

**How would I describe it?   How do I live it?**