**Where can anyone get enough bread to satisfy them here in this deserted place?**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13 (Mk 8, 1-10)**

The children of Israel walk with their God and Lord. They see His wonders and the signs He performs. But in the face of every difficulty, they faith fails. They think their God is not so omnipotent that He can create a new miracle, a new sign. Even Moses falls into this temptation: *"The foreign elements among them were so greedy for meat That even the Israelites lamented again," Would That we had meat for food! We remember the fish we used to eat without cost in Egypt, and the cucumbers , the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now we are famished; we see nothing before us but this manna. " Manna was like coriander seed and had the appearance of bdellium.* *When they had gone about and gathered it up, the people would grind it between millstones or pound it in a mortar, then cook it in a pot and make it into loaves, which tasted like cakes made with oil. At night, when the dew fell upon the camp, the manna also fell. When Moses heard the people, family after family, crying at the entrance of their tents, so that the LORD became very angry, he was grieved. "Why do you treat your servant so badly?" Moses asked the LORD. "Why are you so displeased with me that you burden me with all this people? Was it I who conceived all this people? or was it I who gave them birth, that you tell me to carry them at my bosom, like a foster father carrying an infant, to the land you have promised under oath to their fathers? Where can I get meat to give to all this people? For they are crying to me, 'Give us meat for our food.' I cannot carry all this people by myself, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you will deal with me, then please do me the favor of killing me at once, so that I need no longer face this distress." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Assemble for me seventy of the elders of Israel, men you know for true elders and authorities among the people, and bring them to the meeting tent. When they are in place beside you, I will come down and speak with you there. I will also take some of the spirit that is on you and will bestow it on them, that they may share the burden of the people with you. You will then not have to bear it by yourself.” (Num 11,4-17).*In the eyes of men, history is always impossible. In the eyes of God, it is always possible, because the Lord works by creation and by the full government of all the creation. It is enough that He says a word and the whole universe listens and obeys, doing what He is commanding. Nothing is impossible for the Lord. The man of God has this very pure faith only if he is entirely consigned to the Holy Spirit and to His truth.

*In those days when there again was a great crowd without anything to eat, he summoned the disciples and said, "My heart is moved with pity for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will collapse on the way, and some of them have come a great distance." His disciples answered him, "Where can anyone get enough bread to satisfy them here in this deserted place?" Still he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" "Seven," they replied. He ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then, taking the seven loaves he gave thanks, broke them, and gave them to his disciples to distribute, and they distributed them to the crowd. They also had a few fish. He said the blessing over them and ordered them distributed also. They ate and were satisfied. They picked up the fragments left over - seven baskets. There were about four thousand people. He dismissed them and got into the boat with his disciples and came to the region of Dalmanutha.*

Jesus walks with his disciples and every day shows them that nothing is impossible for Him. All He rules with His almighty Word. He says a Word and creation obeys Him. It fulfills what is commanded to it. But like the children of Israel in the past, the disciples too see the impossible when they face history. It means that they still walk with their thoughts and in no way have they opened themselves to faith in Christ Jesus and the mystery of His creative, saving, redemptive omnipotence over history. To open ourselves to the mystery of Jesus we must walk from faith to faith and from truth to truth. The faith of yesterday must be for us the foundation on which to raise the faith of today. Instead, the disciples forget, both yesterday and today, that they find themselves faced with a history that cannot be governed by them.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, let us walk from faith to faith always.