***A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me***

**THURSDAY MAY 13 (Jn 16, 16-20)**

We know the damage caused by the estrangement of the prophet from his people. Moses only for forty days left the camp, and his people became idolaters: *" When the people became aware of Moses' delay in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said to him," Come, make us a god who will be our leader; as for the man Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him. " Aaron replied, "Have your wives and sons and daughters take off the golden earrings they are wearing, and bring them to me." So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron, who accepted their offering, and fashioning this gold with a graving tool, made a molten calf. Then they cried out, "This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt." On seeing this, Aaron built an altar before the calf and proclaimed, "Tomorrow is a feast of the LORD." Early the next day the people offered holocausts and brought peace offerings. Then they sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. With that, the LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved. They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them, making for themselves a molten calf and worshiping it, sacrificing to it and crying out, 'This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt!' I see how stiff-necked this people is, "continued the LORD to Moses. "Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. Then I will make of you a great nation." "(Ex 32, 1-10).* Jesus must also go to the mountain. However, it is not Mount Sinai, but Golgotha. Then he must pass from the cross into the sepulcher. But this time will only be three days. Then the Lord will return and will remain forever with his disciples. However, three days were enough for some to leave Jerusalem, returning to their village: they are the disciples of Emmaus.

*A little while and you will no longer see me, and again a little while later and you will see me. " So some of his disciples said to one another," What does this mean that he is saying to us, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me, 'and' Because I am going to the Father '? " So they said," What is this' little while' (of which he speaks)? We do not know what he means. " Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them," Are you discussing with one another what I said, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me '? Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy.*

As God never left his people alone one day, and so also Jesus, even the Apostles of Jesus will never have to leave their flock. The Apostle Paul leaves the community of Corinth without his presence and in a few days all faith in Christ the Lord is lost. One no longer believes in his resurrection either: *“But if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then empty (too) is our preaching; empty, too, your faith. Then we are also false witnesses to God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. "(Cf. 1Cor 15, 1-58).* The life of the flock is the life of the shepherd. The life of the shepherd is the life of Lord Jesus. The life of Lord Jesus is life from the Father. Everything happens and is accomplished in the communion of the Holy Spirit. If the shepherd separates from the flock, the flock separates from life.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, let us believe in this relationship of life.