**SATURDAY JANUARY 08 – AFTER EPIPHANY [C]**

**When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.**

**Jesus, true pious Pelican, sees a great crowd coming to Him, He sees them as sheep without shepherd, tired, lost, confused, also disillusioned and deprived of the true hope and He begins to teach them many things. Here is the first nourishment necessary to man. The prophecy of Amos fulfils in each people that is without the nourishment of the true Word of God: “Yes, days are coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send famine upon the land: Not a famine of bread, or thirst for water, but for hearing the word of the LORD. Then shall they wander from sea to sea and rove from the north to the east In search of the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it. On that day, fair virgins and young men shall faint from thirst.” (Am 8, 11-13) Today it appears to be one of those sad and dark days. Not because on this day one does not speak of God, one speaks of God and one even speaks a lot. However, one does not speak by the Word that has come out of the heart of the Father, Word enriched by the truth where the Holy Spirit must lead day after day. On the contrary, one speaks by the word everyone makes it flow from his heart. The prophecy of Jeremy is fulfilling through us:** “**Thus says the LORD of hosts: Listen not to the words of your prophets, who fill you with emptiness; Visions of their own fancy they speak, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say to those who despise the word of the LORD, "Peace shall be yours"; And to everyone who walks in hardness of heart, "No evil shall overtake you." Now, who has stood in the council of the LORD, to see him and to hear his word? Who has heeded his word, so as to announce it? See, the storm of the LORD! His wrath breaks forth In a whirling storm that bursts upon the heads of the wicked. The anger of the LORD shall not abate until he has done and fulfilled what he has determined in his heart. When the time comes, you shall fully understand. I did not send these prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. Had they stood in my council, and did they but proclaim to my people my words, They would have brought them back from evil ways and from their wicked deeds. (Jer 23, 16-22) When in the name of the Lord, one does not say the true Word of God and of Christ Jesus, one nourishes the heart and the mind of men with a poison of death. Instead, Jesus nourishes with most pure eternal life and most intense divine light.**

**Let us read the text of Mk 6,34-44**

**When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. By now it was already late and his disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already very late. Dismiss them so that they can go to the surrounding farms and villages and buy themselves something to eat." He said to them in reply, "Give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Are we to buy two hundred days' wages worth of food and give it to them to eat?" He asked them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out they said, "Five loaves and two fish." So he gave orders to have them sit down in groups on the green grass. The people took their places in rows by hundreds and by fifties. Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to (his) disciples to set before the people; he also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied. And they picked up twelve wicker baskets full of fragments and what was left of the fish. Those who ate (of the loaves) were five thousand men.**

**The multiplication of the loaves is an image of the gift of his body, of his flesh, with which, tomorrow, the Pious Pelican, will nourish all those who will have believed in Him and also believe in this gift of eternal life. In fact, this is his eternal life He will give us as food. Every little piece of consecrated loaf is the entire body of Christ, it is his soul, blood, divinity. It is Christ Jesus entirely. Whoever receives the Eucharist must make himself Pious Pelican, too, and nourish the Church and humanity with the gift of his life. May the Mother of Jesus help us live this mystery.**