**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 12 – FIRST WEEK O.T. [C]**

**He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.**

**Jesus is always and entirely, in thoughts, in will, in body and in spirit by the will of the Father, always communicated to Him in the wisdom and advice of the Holy Spirit, which He obeys with piety, fear of the Lord, always in the Holy Spirit. This truth is thus testified by Jesus in the Gospel according to John: “Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work.” (Jn 4, 31-34)**

**“Jesus answered and said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, a son cannot do anything on his own, but only what he sees his father doing; for what he does, his son will do also. For the Father loves his Son and shows him everything that he himself does, and he will show him greater works than these, so that you may be amazed. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives life, so also does the Son give life to whomever he wishes. Nor does the Father judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to his Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.” (Jn 5, 19-23)**

**And also: “Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me. I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness. And if anyone hears my words and does not observe them, I do not condemn him, for I did not come to condemn the world but to save the world. Whoever rejects me and does not accept my words has something to judge him: the word that I spoke, it will condemn him on the last day, because I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. So what I say, I say as the Father told me." (Jn 12, 44-50)**

**Jesus is not by the sufferance of men, He is not by their illness, He is not by their hunger and by their thirst, He is not by their poorness, He is not by their thoughts, He is not by their desires, He is not by their will, He is not even by their complex and difficult history. Jesus is only by the will of his Father. He does what the Father says to Him to do. He proclaims what the Father wants Him to proclaim to us, He fulfils the works the Father orders Him to fulfil. He goes to the places where the Father wants Him to go. He stays in a place because the Father has said to Him to stay there and he leaves when the Father says to Him to leave. Even if the Father had to order Him not to perform a miracle, while He is performing it, He would never perform it. He would abandon everything immediately and He would put Himself at the service of his Father’s will. Jesus asks each of his disciple for this same obedience. To obey the Lord, one should be poor in spirit. One should really make a sacrifice of our will and of our mind. But making a sacrifice means to burn our mind, our will, our heart, our own body on the altar of the Lord. Only by reducing ourselves into ash on the altar of the Lord, the Lord can take our ash, instilling his Holy Spirit in it, so that it says and does, goes and remains in perfect obedience to his will.**

**Let us read the text of Mk 1,29-39**

**On leaving the synagogue he entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.**

**Today this is the difficulty of the disciple of Jesus: making himself true holocaust on the altar of the Lord, letting ourselves be turned into ash so that the Lord takes our ash, kneads it and breathes his Holy Spirit in it so that we are always by his will. Every day, when we stop letting ourselves be made ash by the fire of the love of the Lord and we take back our humanity, it is then that the Lord takes back his Holy Spirit and we work only for the earth and no longer for the heaven. For the heaven, one works in the measure in which we become ash and also in the measure in which we let the Holy Spirit act in us and for us. Christ Jesus is more than ash in his Father’s hands. He is entirely of the Holy Spirit. He is not by Peter and by other disciples. He is not even by the people who go to Him to be healed. He leaves everyone and He goes where the Father wants Him to go. Most perfect obedience so that his ash is most perfect. May the Mother of Jesus, She, too, ash in the hands of the Holy Spirit, help us fulfil this great mystery in us.**