**06 MARCH – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [C]**

**"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and: 'With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"**

**What is the true purpose of the temptation of Satan? That of separating Christ Jesus from the Father and the Father from Christ Jesus. If Satan had succeeded in his intent, the Father would be without the Redeemer, the Saviour, the Mediator in the work of his salvation in favour of man. Man would be condemned to eternal death. The redemption and the salvation of man is only the fruit of the obedience of Christ to the will of the Father. Here is how the Holy Spirit reveals this most pure truth through the mouth of the Apostle Paul in the Letter to Romans: “Therefore, just as through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by that one person's transgression the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one person Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one person's sinning. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal. For if, by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one person Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Rm 5, 12-21) Satan is the most cunning of all the animals crawling on earth. He knows well that the battle is not over with the victory of Christ Jesus over his multiple temptations. With his victories, Jesus has wrought the objected redemption. The salvation for all people was produced by his tree planted on the Golgotha. But this salvation is not subjective salvation, yet. Even if it is subjective salvation, it is not ultimate salvation. He works so that the subjected salvation is not fulfilled and so that the subjective salvation received does not become eternal salvation. Satan is at uninterrupted work so that no man meets Christ Jesus and to separate Christ Jesus from each of his disciple.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 4,1-13**

**Filled with the holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and their glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.'" Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and: 'With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, 'You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.'" When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.**

**How will Satan succeed in ensuring that man does not meet Christ the Lord and also that his disciples turn away from Him? Turning the Word of each disciple of Jesus in lie and falsity. We can attest that today Satan has succeeded brilliantly in his intent. In the heart of the Christians, he has separated Christ Jesus from the Father and from the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit from the Scripture and from the Tradition, the Word of the Gospel from truth and from moral, the religion of the most pure faith in the name of Christ Jesus, the Christian from the Church, the Church from its mission of salvation and of redemption for all people. There is no unity he has not destroyed. Every separation has been carried out by him. He has even separated the natural from the supernatural. He also succeeded in depriving the nature from its being created by God. Then, let us not talk about the unity of the human person that has been shattered by him. Today it is necessary that the Spirit comes and restores all these unities. If one only unity is not restored, there is no salvation for man since salvation is in the recomposition of each unity. In order that the Spirit may restore this unity, He needs the work of the Christian. Without the Christian, He can do nothing. May the Mother of Jesus make every Christian true instrument of the Spirit.**