**27 NOVEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT [A]**

**Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.**

**When does the Son of man come, either to judge history or for our personal death or for the judgement, on the day of his Parusia? No one knows it. No one knows the time of his own death. It may come in any moment, in any place, in any condition. It may come whether one is healthy or if we are sick, whether we are rich or whether we are poor, whether we are alone or whether we are accompanied, during the day or at night, while we are working or while we are on holiday, whether we are in the Church to celebrate the worship of the Lord and whether we are out along the way. There is no place in the world where death cannot reach us. For her, there is no rest. She always works: at day and at night, in summer and in winter, in autumn and in spring. Being our breath loaned, with no contract, death can take it when she wants. This is the mystery of our life.**

**Knowing the mystery of death, Jesus warns us. He wants us not to be distracted. If He comes and finds us in the disobedience to his Word, He might never take us with Him in his eternal dwelling and we will all be excluded from dwelling with Him in his kingdom of light and of eternal peace. So that it happens, each of us is asked to always dwell in his Word, to live obeying every command. Not even a moment of distraction is allowed to us. Vigilance will have to uninterrupted. But how is one vigilant not to fall into the traps of temptation. The way is the same as it was for Christ Jesus. Knowing all the truth of God according to the most pure truth of the Holy Spirit and replying according to this double knowledge to Satan and to those who want to prompt us to abandon the most pure will of God on our life. Temptation may come from anyone. Here is a temptation made to the Apostles and here is their immediate reply: “At that time, as the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. (Act 6,1-6). Here is a subtle temptation made to the Apostle Paul: On the next day we resumed the trip and came to Caesarea, where we went to the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the Seven, and stayed with him. He had four virgin daughters gifted with prophecy. We had been there several days when a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. He came up to us, took Paul's belt, bound his own feet and hands with it, and said, "Thus says the holy Spirit: This is the way the Jews will bind the owner of this belt in Jerusalem, and they will hand him over to the Gentiles." When we heard this, we and the local residents begged him not to go up to Jerusalem. Then Paul replied, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? I am prepared not only to be bound but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." Since he would not be dissuaded we let the matter rest, saying, "The Lord's will be done." (Act 21,8-14). Satan uses everyone to subtract us both to the obedience to Christ and to the obedience to the Spirit.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 24,37-44**

**For as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In (those) days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be (also) at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.**

**Who wants to wait for Christ Jesus and enter his eternal glory with Him must be carefully vigilant so that he does not fall in any temptation. This is why he needs the entire science to know the Word of the Lord and the will of the Holy Spirit about his life. Today Satan has made us all slave of his falsity. How did he manage to? Making us substitute the thought of God, of Christ Jesus, of the Holy Spirit with the thought of man. Having deprived our faith of the objective fact, fact that comes from God, he has made us all his slaves, slaves of his falsity and of his lie. May the Mother of God come to our rescue. May She deliver us from this slavery f Satan that is reducing the entire fact revealed by the faith to a lie.**