**THURSDAY DECEMBER 01 – FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT [C]**

**The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock.**

**No one might ever accuse Jesus to have promised to his disciples the eternal life with no obedience to the Law and to the Prophets. He asks them for prompt and immediate obedience not to the Law and to the Prophets of yesterday. The obedience must be given to the Law and to the prophets to whom He has given fulfilment. Here is one only example of the fulfilment given by Him: “I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court with him. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.” (Mt 5,20-26).**

**After having promulgated the Law, he warns his disciples so that they always walk on this narrow way. It alone leads into the eternal kingdom of his Father. The other way, the wide one, leads to perdition. Not only. He also adds that many are the prophets who teach the wide way and the wide way is every way with no obedience to the Gospel: "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few. "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but underneath are ravenous wolves. By their fruits you will know them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Just so, every good tree bears good fruit, and a rotten tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a rotten tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. So by their fruits you will know them.” (Mt 7,13-20). Anyone who either remains silent, or transforms, or modifies one only Word of the Gospel of Jesus the Lord is a false prophet. He gives men wide ways leading to perdition. True prophet is instead the one who does not modify and does not alter even a hyphen of the Gospel. Pure has it been given by Christ Jesus and pure does he convey in wisdom, understanding, fortitude, science, counsel, fear of the Lord, piety that always work in his heart, if the Holy Spirit dwells in it. Salvation is the fruit of our obedience to the Gospel. We can live the Gospel by grace of Christ Jesus and through the action in us of the Holy Spirit. The more the Holy Spirit grows in us and the more the love for Christ grows. The more the love of Christ grows and the more the obedience to his Gospel grows. We can say everything, even perform great miracles, we can even drive out demons, we can also prophesy in the name of Jesus, but if we have not lived the Gospel, if we have not built up our life on his Word, Jesus will never accept in his kingdom and will never acknowledge us before his Father. The Word of Jesus is this, only this. Every other one is of the false prophets.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 7,21.24 -27**

**"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?' Then I will declare to them solemnly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.' "Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined."**

**The truth on which one always insist is that: We can even not believe in the Word of Jesus and consume our days to build our house on the word either of men or of the prince of the world. One does not fulfil what we think. Instead, one only and always fulfils the Word of Jesus. Our house not built on his Word will collapse. Today we have decided to build a civilization entirely unhinged from the Word of Jesus. We can even build this civilization. It will implode, it will be shattered, it will be dissolved like the morning dew on the first day of sunshine. The wind of history will make it collapse. The water of time will drag it with itself. The Western civilization can even reject its Christian roots, it can even trade the Gospel with the unique thought, it can even declare Christ Jesus as one of the many ones. It can do it. It will not be the word of our civilization that is fulfilled, instead it will only and always be the Word of Christ Jesus. You, West, do not build on the Gospel? You have no future. May the Mother of God help us build our life only on the Word of Jesus.**