**TUESDAY DECEMBER 27 – OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS [A]**

**SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

**Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.**

**The disciple that Jesus loves, according to his narration, is the first who has believed in the resurrection of Jesus. How has he come to such faith? Observing the signs left by Jesus in the empty tomb. They were signs of a perfect order. They were signs that thieves and robbers come to steal the body of Christ Jesus could have left, also because before the tomb there was a guard post in the custody of the tomb and no thief, knowing that the guards stand in the custody of a place, cares for put in order. This must teach us a very high truth. The Lord has given us so much wisdom to observe what happens in history and deduct from it those conclusions attesting whether our faith is true or false. Let us now examine some points of history in the light of the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and we will immediately know if our faith is true or if it is false.**

**In the Parable of the Sower who goes out to sow, says that three quarters of seeds fall on a soil that is not good. A part on the rich soil and produces a thirtyfold or sixty or a hundred: And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." (Mt 13,3-9). If I work and none of my word produces one only true disciple of Jesus, then I must ascertain that the word that I announce is not the Word of Christ Jesus. If yesterday one gave the Word of Christ Jesus and it produced many true disciples, why does one not make any disciples today? Rather, why do many disciples depart? Because one does not give the true Word of Jesus. One sows human and not divine words. Words of earth and not of heaven.**

**Let us now take a second example. Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven grows like the leaven and like a mustard seed: “He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'" He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened." (Mt 13,31-33). If around me, through the word that I sow, the kingdom of God does not grow, rather it decreases and is reduced, then it is sign that I do not sow the Word of Christ Jesus. I sow flour. Flour is nothing but wheat passed under the millstone and reduced to powder. The flour sowed by me is nothing but the Word of God passed under the millstone of my thoughts. Not seeing the kingdom of God grown, I must ascertain that I do not sow the true Word of God. But since I do not sow the true Word of God, I am not light of Christ and not even wisdom of Christ, I am a short-sighted, a bling, an insane, a foolish. I am deprived of every wisdom that allows me to read my life according to truth. If I am blind, I will progress from blindness to blindness and from foolishness to foolishness. I am deprived of the Holy Spirit, the only who can give me his eyes so that I see what I accomplish of erroneous in my life, so as to be able to be converted.**

**Let us read the text of Jn 20,2-8**

**On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.** **Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.**

**When our rationality, that is essential part of our life, is eclipsed, it is the sign that our soul is dead to grace and that our spirit is quenched before the supernatural light. When both soul and spirit are dead in us, the foolishness, the ignorance, the absence of rationality and of every sound discernment take possession of us and leads us into every falsity and lie. Not only. They make us declare the falsity truth and they make us proclaim every truth falsity. This is what is happening nowadays. The Laws of good are declared Laws oppressing man. The laws of man that legalize every misdeed and open the gates to the most devasting immorality are called freedom of progress, of civilization, of capacity of self-determination, freedom from every relation of man from every tie with the supernatural and with the eternity, thought as a fruit of the mind of men. One has never seen such foolishness. May the Mother of God help us so that our spirit come to life.**