**MONDAY JANUARY 09 – I WEEK O.T [A]**

**After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."**

**Jesus is different from every prophet who has preceded Him. All the prophets listened the Word the Lord turned to them and refer it to the people. Christ Jesus, in his Person, is the Word of God. He is his eternal Word. He is his Eternal Gospel. The Gospel He preached is the Gospel of God, for He is the Gospel of God. Being He and the Gospel of God one only thing, faith in the Gospel and faith in Christ Jesus must be one only thing. The one who believes in Christ Jesus believes in the Gospel of God. The one who believes in the Gospel of God believes in Christ Jesus. If one separates the Gospel from Christ Jesus and Christ Jesus from the Gospel, one believes neither in Christ Jesus nor in the Gospel. But if one does not believe in Christ Jesus, there is no eternal life for anyone. The eternal life is in Christ and it is through the faith in Christ, the faith in his Gospel that one draws, one receives, becomes our life. What does Jesus ask the people of the Lord? That they repent and believe in the Gospel. They are invited to move, from every Word of God listened so far, to the Word of God, to the Gospel of God that He is announcing to them. This truth appears with divine clarity in the Holy Spirit in the dialogue that Jesus lives with the Jews in the Synagogue of Capernaum, after the multiplication of the loaves: “The next day, the crowd that remained across the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not gone along with his disciples in the boat, but only his disciples had left. Other boats came from Tiberias near the place where they had eaten the bread when the Lord gave thanks. When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. But I told you that although you have seen (me), you do not believe.” (Jn 6,22-36). Today this seed of death is reducing our faith into ash: the separation of it and from Christ Jesus and from his Gospel. Another seed of death of death is the separation of the conversion from the faith in the Gospel in order to build the kingdom of God among men and one builds the kingdom of God building the Church. It is true. The kingdom of God is not identified with the Church, but in the Church, one, holy, Catholic, Apostolic the man shall live as true kingdom of God. History attests that when one departs from the true Church of Christ Jesus, one builds kingdoms no longer of pure truth: our truths is Christ and He is in the purity and fullness of truth in the Church, one, holy, Catholic, Apostolic. One even builds kingdoms in the total falsity and lie. Christ Jesus, Gospel of God, kingdom of God, true Church of the living God until the day of Parusia must be one only thing. In the separation from even one of these elements, one is out of the true salvation, true redemption, true eternal life, true conversion.**

**Let us read the text of Mk 1,13-20**

**After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.**

**Why does Jesus call Andrew, Simon, James and John and then also others? Because in Him, with Him, through Him, through the work of the Holy Spirit, become his Gospel and his life, as He is Gospel of God, and through eternal generation Word and life of the Father and through the work of the Holy Spirit even in his true humanity Word and life of the Father. Becoming they through nature created by the Holy Spirit of Christ Jesus and his life, they can never announce a word that is not that of Christ Jesus and never manifest a life that is not that of Christ Jesus. If they manifest another word or another life, they attest the world that they departed both from Christ Jesus and from the Holy Spirit. Like Christ Jesus, they too must be one only thing with the Gospel, with Christ Jesus, with the kingdom of God. If today one no longer announce the kingdom of God, one does not build the Church, it is because one has been uprooted from Christ Jesus and from the Holy Spirit. May the Mother of Jesus help us recompose our unity with Christ.**