**You will be hated by all because of my name**

**SATURDAY DICEMBER 26 (Mt 10,17-22)**

Hatred against the disciples of Jesus is hatred against God and the mystery of salvation. This has its origin in Satan's heart and from his heart it pours out into all who belong to him. The Book of Wisdom reveals that hatred will always strike the righteous as a challenge to the Lord. Those who love the Lord and want to be faithful to his Word should know that Satan’s hatred, which manifests itself as a hatred of the world, will fall upon him: “*It was the wicked who with hands and words invited death, considered it a friend, and pined for it, and made a covenant with it, Because they deserve to be in its possession, they who said among themselves, thinking not aright: "Brief and troublous is our lifetime; neither is there any remedy for man's dying, nor is anyone known to have come back from the nether world.For haphazard were we born, and hereafter we shall be as though we had not been; Because the breath in our nostrils is a smoke and reason is a spark at the beating of our hearts, And when this is quenched, our body will be ashes and our spirit will be poured abroad like unresisting air. Even our name will be forgotten in time, and no one will recall our deeds. So our life will pass away like the traces of a cloud, and will be dispersed like a mist pursued by the sun's rays and overpowered by its heat. For our lifetime is the passing of a shadow; and our dying cannot be deferred because it is fixed with a seal; and no one returns. Come, therefore, let us enjoy the good things that are real, and use the freshness of creation avidly. Let us have our fill of costly wine and perfumes, and let no springtime blossom pass us by; let us crown ourselves with rosebuds ere they wither. Let no meadow be free from our wantonness; everywhere let us leave tokens of our rejoicing, for this our portion is, and this our lot. Let us oppress the needy just man; let us neither spare the widow nor revere the old man for his hair grown white with time. But let our strength be our norm of justice; for weakness proves itself useless. Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, Reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. He professes to have knowledge of God and styles himself a child of the LORD. To us he is the censure of our thoughts; merely to see him is a hardship for us, Because his life is not like other men's, and different are his ways. He judges us debased; he holds aloof from our paths as from things impure. He calls blest the destiny of the just and boasts that God is his Father. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, he will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put him to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him., (Wis 1,16-2,24).* When one does evil, one becomes a slave to sin. From sin, and in sin one is only governed by Satan’s hatred of Christ, his truth, his light, his eternal life.

*But beware of people, for they will hand you over to courts and scourge you in their synagogues, and you will be led before governors and kings for my sake as a witness before them and the pagans. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say. For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will hand over brother to death, and the father his child; children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved.*

The more one grows in Christ, the more one lives with him and for him, and the more Satan increases his hatred. It subsides only with the death of the righteous. But since if a righteous one dies, the Lord raises up others for the salvation of his creature, who lies in darkness and in the shadow of death of both soul, spirit and body, Satan's hatred always creates his subjects. that they make themselves available to his envy and desire for annihilation. If hatred is universal, it is a sign that everyone is under the government and empire of Satan.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, let us persevere until the end.