

#### 4.9.17 Palm Sunday

Jesus said to St. Therese: **Always fight with the deep conviction that I am with you.**

There are many times that we are tempted to wonder if Jesus is here, if he knows us, or if he cares about us. We live in the wake of the effects of sin—sickness and death, hate and harm, division and discord are all about us. If our eyes drop from Jesus for a second, the evil one steals our glance and plants the seeds of doubt.

Jesus warns us that it will be a fight to keep an awareness of his presence. It requires a deep conviction to believe in him even when we don't feel his presence, to trust in him even when we don't understand the events unfolding in our lives.

We have completed a holy season of spiritual and bodily discipline, not for our glory but for the glory of God and the good of our neighbors. Now we enter a holy week, a time to renew our conviction that Jesus is with us. Our journey into his passion, death and resurrection makes steady and firm our conviction: he is with us!