

1st Week of Lent

We enter, one more year, the Lenten desert with the firm will to make an authentic **journey of conversion that renews our lives** and, from there, to make a more credible Church and a more human and supportive world. God is present with his Grace and it is He, Himself, who wants to change our hearts and set a new path for our lives. Let us be docile to the action of the Holy Spirit in us, that will lead us to the "fullness of Truth" and will make us taste and savor the Paschal mystery.



- **Reading of the book of Deuteronomy 26, 4-10: People saved by God**
- **Reading of the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 10, 8-13: Jesus is our Lord and Savior**
- **Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 4, 1-13: Jesus remained faithful to his mission**



In this time, when the world gives us fake hopes based on "having", "power" and "fame", St. Raphaela invites us to be aware of our littleness and to be faithful to the mission that we have as ACI Family:

"Let us give all our heart to God, because it is very small and God is very big".

Dear friends of the ACI Family, dear Sisters: let us, during the time of Lent we are beginning, ask the Spirit to help us renew our hearts, making them humble, aware of their smallness, as Rafaela María did, so that, supported by the Lord, we can be signs of hope in the world.

Let us reflect, during this week, on the attitudes that distance us from the Lord. May this be a time of trust in a merciful God who forgives and loves us.

With friendship,

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