

Saturday of the First Week of Lent-The 7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order.

Readings: Deuteronomy 26.16-19 – Close encounter; Matthew 5.43-48 – Enemies become friends.

Reality: Pope John Paul II talks with inmates about his attempted assassination: “In the context of Christmas and the Holy Year of Redemption, I was able to meet with the person that you all know by name, Ali Agca, who in the year 1981 on the 13th of May made an attempt on my life. But Providence took things in its own hands, in what I would call an extraordinary way, so that today after two years I was able to meet my assailant and repeat to him the pardon I gave him immediately. The Lord gave us the grace to meet as men and brothers, because of all the events of our lives must confirm that God is our father and all of us are his children in Jesus Christ, that we are all brothers and sisters.” (Time, January 9, 1984, p.29).
