

Today's celebration provides a stark commentary on our relationship with Jesus.

We claim to love him. We sing his praises, beg for his blessing on our activities and sometimes we even inconvenience ourselves in order to serve him by serving our fellow man.

Then without a thought or a care we turn around and crucify him all over again by our sins. Not because we are being particularly malicious. We crucify him because just like the crowd in Jerusalem on that fateful day, society condones and encourages our sinful actions and we lack either the self-awareness, self-control, or the courage to stand up for what we believe and defend the love we have professed for Jesus.

Let us take this Holy Week to rediscover and renew our relationship with Jesus. Let's beg for the self-awareness to recognize our sins, the self-control to avoid the occasion of sin and the courage to speak out against the culture of death that surrounds us and encourages us to sin.