**WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE – XI WEEK O.T. [B]**

**Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father.**

**To understand the teaching of Jesus, we will let ourselves be helped by a truth taught by the Apostle Paul that is doing everything for the glory of God: “We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves; let each of us please our neighbor for the good, for building up. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you fall upon me." For whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: "Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name." And again it says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him." And again Isaiah says: "The root of Jesse shall come, raised up to rule the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles hope."(Rm 15, 1-12)**

**So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved.”(1Cor 10, 31-33)**

**“But thanks be to God who put the same concern for you into the heart of Titus, for he not only welcomed our appeal but, since he is very concerned, he has gone to you of his own accord. With him we have sent the brother who is praised in all the churches for his preaching of the gospel. And not only that, but he has also been appointed our traveling companion by the churches in this gracious work administered by us for the glory of the Lord (himself) and for the expression of our eagerness. This we desire to avoid, that anyone blame us about this lavish gift administered by us, for we are concerned for what is honorable not only in the sight of the Lord but also in the sight of others. And with them we have sent our brother whom we often tested in many ways and found earnest, but who is now much more earnest because of his great confidence in you. As for Titus, he is my partner and co-worker for you; as for our brothers, they are apostles of the churches, the glory of Christ. So give proof before the churches of your love and of our boasting about you to them.” (2Cor8, 16-24)**

**The Psalmist asks the Lord that He does everything for his glory. The ones who deprive God of every glory are the idols. Against idolatry, must every man guard. Idolatry deprives the true God of his eternal and infinite glory and gives it to nobodies that are fruit of its heart and its mind: “Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake. Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God? But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them. O Israel, trust thou in the Lord: he is their help and their shield. O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield. Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield. The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great. The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children. Ye are blessed of the Lord which made heaven and earth. The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men. The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence. But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the Lord.” (Psal 115, 1-18)**

**Today man has become idol of himself, constituting his science, his technology, every fruit of his thought as his God. Today man has science and it substitutes God, the Lord, the Creator of science itself and of the thought of man. However, the idolaters of science who deprive God of his glory do not know that science is blind and it always turns against his worshippers. Science destructs those who worship it. We trust science so much to declare religion as void. Indeed not even a pandemic has managed to lead us to a true conversion to the Lord. What is the use of converting? We have science. What is the use of changing our life? We have science. What is the use of stopping sinning? We have science. Science is our new God. With it, we can do and undo the nature itself of man. But man does not know that God is jealous of his glory and that he will never let someone declare it void. Indeed an invisible virus was enough to bring our science to nothing. But we still continue our sad idolatry. Science is most holy, unless it is put at service of God’s glory. Everything man is, everything man does, everything man invents must be put at the service of the glory of his Lord.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 6,1-6.16-18**

**"(But) take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.**

**If the Christian wants to be a person of a true faith, he must always ask: what is the use of what I am doing for the glory of God? But, above all, am I doing every thing for the glory of the Lord or for my glory? If something is not for the glory of God, it might never be done. Now, sin might never be done for the glory of God and one must refrain from it. No vice is for the glory of God and one must refrain from vices, too. Every place where one sins must be avoided by the Christian. One must not live in that place to render glory to the Lord. Even when one comes to Church, one must come only to render glory to God. Science, too, is asked to God, but then it must be used for the greater glory to God. Certainly, one does not use it for the glory of God when we use it to disobey each of his commandments. Not to us, not to us, but to your name, Lord, give glory. Here is the Christian’s prayer. Mother of God, Woman entirely at service of the glory of God, help us. Amen**