**MONDAY OCTOBER 04 – XXVII WEEK O.T. [B]**

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**All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.**

**Jesus blesses the Father. The blessing of Jesus for the Father is confession of the truth that is God himself, but it is also at the foundation of each of his work on our earth. What God does, He does it for divine charity ruled by truth, by wisdom, by eternal intelligence that are his same essence. Who is God? He is the Father. He is the Lord of heaven and earth. The Father Jesus blesses is the unique and only Lord of heaven and earth. There are no other Lords of heaven and earth. There are no other Fathers in all the created universe. One is the universe. One is the Father. One is the Lord. This unique Father is the Father of the Lord our Christ Jesus. What does the Father do? He hides the mystery of his truth – and therefore of the truth of Christ and of man himself – to wise and learned and reveals it to the childlike. Wise and learned for the Gospel are the wicked, the proud, the arrogant, those who are sufficient to themselves, since they enclose their life in themselves, in their reasoning, in their thoughts. Wise and learned according to the Gospel are all the foolish whose mind is declared to be the unique and only source of truth, the unique and only source of any discernment of good and evil. The culmination of this wisdom and of this intelligence is the denial itself of God.**

**The childlike is the one, instead, who leans on God, since he knows that all things, all things really comes from the Lord. Even his breathe is a gift of the love of his God. The childlike believes in this and lives according to the Gospel. To those who make themselves or are childlike according to the Gospel, God reveals the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. To all the other ones, He keeps them hidden. He hides them not because He does not want to reveil them, or because He makes a distinction between man and man, but because the heart of wise and of learned is sealed. No truth might never enter from outside, neither from others not from God. Let us take two bottles. One is with no cap. The other one is hermetically sealed, welded. In the one with no cap, one can put water and, actually, one puts it. In the one, which is sealed, even if it remains immersed in the water eternally, will a drop never enter it. The childlike are similar to bottles with no cap. They are perennially with no cap. With them, God can always remove and put, remove what is past today, put what is his current will. And thus ever, with perennial action. The childlike does not oppose any resistance to the Lord, never. The wise and the learned is sealed in his mind, in his thoughts. He is impenetrable to every revelation, or gift of truth. This is his foolishness and impiety: sealing himself in his thoughts made of earth. This is the great mystery of God and of man: the will of man that can refuse any gift of God. The charity of God is his love receding from man, hiding from him, respecting his will until the eternal damnation. This mystery has been banished by many ones from our faith.**

**Jesus is constituted the universal mediator of every gift of God to man. This truth is absolute, it is always valid and for every man: yesterday, today, ever. This truth finds his foundation not in a gift made by the Father to the Son, so that the Son brings it on earth and gives it to every man. This foundation would be extrinsic and not intrinsic. The foundation is instead intrinsic. It is a foundation of nature and of eternal generation. Father and Son know each other by communion of sole divine nature and by eternal generation. The foundation of Christ is being, He, in the womb of the Father, as only begotten Son. From the womb of the Father, remaining in the womb of the Father, as Only Begotten Son, as Word that is God, before God since the beginning, He made himself flesh and He came among us filled with grace and truth, filled with the grace and of the truth of the Father. Since no other one knows the Father, no other one can reveal Him to us in his fullness of truth and charity. No other one can give Him to us in the fullness of his grace. The revelation is a most pure gift of love. The revelation is a most pure gift of the love of Jesus for us. Jesus made himself flesh for love. He came to be among us the gift of the love of the Father. Nothing is due to man. Instead, everything is given to man as most pure gift of the love of Christ and of the Father. Everything is a free gift God makes to us in Christ Jesus, for Him, with Him. What is still our wicked, rather worst foolishness? It is in the daily, subtle, scientific, religious, moral, social substitution and abolishment of Christ Jesus in the total and universal mediation. Today this abolishment is cause of the loss of meaning of the entire specificity of our faith.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 11,25-30**

**At that time Jesus said in reply, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."**

**Christ has come and placed his dwelling among us. Christ Jesus is the grace and the truth of the Father. Christ Jesus is the revelation of the Father in which it is also the revelation of every man. Christ Jesus is the life of the Father in which every life is. These gifts must be received. Jesus is always ready to give them to us. We must be ready to receive them, as well. One must go to the gift. One is invited to go to the gift. The ones who must receive the gift are not those who are satiated, who are well, who live in the abundance and in the richness of the things of this world. These ones are not invited. They do not need Christ Jesus. He is of no use. They have everything. They do not need Christ Jesus. Instead the ones who need Christ are all those who labour and are heavy laden. They labour for the hard work of living life, of leading it on, of reaching the evening. They are weary for the serious difficulties they meet day after day on their path.**

**The gift of Christ Jesus is not enough. It occurs that the gift is received, as only in the receiving it will become all ours. Today this is precisely the truth that failed in the hearts of many ones, who also teach, with serious damage for the life of the righteous and holy faith that it does not occur that we go. The gift is given. Whether we go or we do not go, it is already ours. This is the foolishness that is killing the world. This is the foolishness that is source of every transgression of the commandments and of every barbarization of the society and of life itself. The gift is given. We must make it ours. We must go to Christ Jesus. One goes to Him, by converting ourselves and believing in the Gospel.**

**The yoke is the Gospel, the Word of the Father, the Law, the New Commandment Jesus came to bring on our earth. The yoke is his doctrine of salvation and of redemption for the entire human genre. Not only does Jesus invites us to take upon us his yoke, his Word, his most pure and perfect will of the Father by Him taught, preached, proclaimed, explained with every wisdom and knowledge of Holy Spirit, proclaimed as unique and only way of salvation and redemption. Jesus also wants us to learn from Him how to take the yoke of the Word and of truth, of knowledge and of wisdom, of the entire will of God that is given to us so that we live it in fullness of obedience. He must be looked as the Master who says and does, teaches and realizes, commands and obeys, gives the yoke but He takes it until the end so that we all know how to obey God. From Jesus we must learn two fundamental virtues: humbleness and meekness. With humbleness, we entirely submit to the Lord, by receiving all his will over us in our heart. With humbleness, we live with love and we offer God every sufferance. Meekness is the fortitude in living the pain. May the Mother of Jesus help us. We want to live and die these most holy Words of Jesus the Lord.**