**SATURDAY OCTOBER 09 – XXVII WEEK O.T. [B]**

**While he was speaking, a woman from the crowd called out and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed."**

**The simple and pure hearts understand the truth flowing from the mouth of Jesus. These hearts know that Jesus speaks the truth, as opposed to their scribes and Pharisees that often spoke falsities and slanders against Him. A woman has the heart full of joy, of exultance for Jesus. She cannot help herself in any way. She is like a river in flood that must overflow, invade and expand what it meets on the way. This woman must cry out, she cannot keep it into heart. What does this woman call out? "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed." Blessed is the woman who is your mother. Blessed that woman who gave you birth and nursed you. What does this woman do after all? She attributes the greatness of Jesus to a purely natural, human, earthly fact. Jesus would be great as He comes from a good, great, holy family.**

**Jesus does not allow one give Caesar what is of God. Jesus always gives God what is of God. Giving God the glory is the first deed, the first testimony of every man of God. Jesus is not great because He has a mother who conceived, nursed, helped Him. The Mother of Jesus is not great by nature. She is great by grace. She is great by a gift from Above. His Mother is great as She listened to the Word of God and put it into practice. Jesus is a gift of God to humankind. He is the gift the Father made to men.**

**Here is what Jesus says: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.” (Jn 3,16-21).**

**This gift was possible since a woman believed, answered her yes to God, she obeyed, let Him be conceived, delivered, given to the world. God is the one who makes great, not the nature. When does God make a person great? When this one listens to his Word and observe sit. Man is great only when he lives of faith. Only then, God can intervene in his life and fulfil the deed of his love and mercy. Jesus is great not as Son of the Virgin Mary. He is great since every day He listens to the Lord and carries out his will. The true greatness of man is only one: the listening and the put into practice of each Word coming out the mouth of Jesus. Thus is for his Mother. Thus is for Him, for Jesus. This, and this only, is the law of the true greatness of a person. Nature does not deal with the true greatness. Nature is great, it becomes great only if it listens, if it puts into practice, if it observes each Word coming out the mouth of God. This method of Jesus must be observed, lived by us: bringing all things into the truth of heaven. Never leaving the things in the falsities of earth.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 11,27-28**

**While he was speaking, a woman from the crowd called out and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed." He replied, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."**

**Let us try to enter even more deeply into the mystery of the Words of Jesus. He is speaking of the things of God. It is while He is speaking of the things of God that the woman calls out: "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed." The words of this woman express admiration for Jesus. Her words are truth. However, she attributes everything to a fact of nature. Jesus is great as He had a good mother. He is great as he was born in a good family. His mother must be declared blessed. She had a son beyond all expectations. Every mother wishes to have a son like Jesus. That is why his mother is blessed. Mary is blessed, but not because she had Jesus. Jesus is a gift. Mary is blessed as She believed in the fulfilment of the Word of Her Lord. Mary is great for her faith.**

**Jesus reaffirms the truth about his Mother uttered by the Holy Spirit: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.” It is truth: my Mother is blessed since She listened. She obeyed. She observed. It is truth: I am great not because I obeyed, obey, always do the things that are pleased to my Father. I am great since I love the Father. God is the only great and every greatness of man is participation of his one. Everyone participates in the measure of obedience. Mary is great since She gave herself to God. Christ Jesus is great since He made himself holocaust for the Father. The simple, pure hearts know how to appreciate the truth, above all they know how to recognize it. A woman, listening to Him, perceived in her heart the true light emanating some words of wisdom of Jesus. She confesses Him as great and that is why she calls blessed the womb that carried him and the breasts at which he nursed. She blesses his mother and she praises her to praise him and his wisdom.**

**Neither in the praise, does Jesus let himself be tempted, never. He is always master and lord of the truth. This is the greatness, the true greatness of Jesus. When a man is lord of the truth, then this man is really great; but the only master of the truth is the one who is holy and the one who consumes his days in holiness and grows in it every day.**

**Jesus does not misunderstand, does not deny the beatitude of his mother. He gives Her the true sense. His Mother is blessed since She listened to the Word of God and observed it, She listens and observes it today. The beatitude for Jesus is only that coming from faith. Elizabeth, too, had known this truth and had proclaimed it to the Mother of Jesus. The one who believed in the fulfilment of the words of the Lord is blessed. The beatitude is not therefore a natural fact, from man to man, or from mother to son. The true beatitude is a gift descending from God after the listening and the observance of the Word of God. The beatitude is the eternal one.**

**Who is the true blessed in the kingdom of God? This is the question every soul must question. From the answer all our life entirely depends on this earth and in heaven. The true beatitude is not a natural fact, of descendance, of birth, of owning, of richness, of science, of doctrine, of knowledge, of relations, of friendship, of acquaintances. This all does not give the true beatitude. It is not in what one eats or in what one drinks and neither in what one wears. It is neither in the poorness nor in richness; neither in gold, nor in precious jewels, the true beatitude is or dwells in no things created. Seeking it in the creation and in what exists is wasting time, in addition to be a vain thing. This seeking is pure vanity and following the wind, as one might never find it.**

**Jesus teaches us that the true beatitude only comes from the listening and from the put into practice of the Word of God. Since the Word of God unites us and put us into communion of the Word of God, with his divine life, true beatitude is possessing God, his light, his truth, his love, his grace, things coming to us only through faith, that is listening and life in the word of revelation, in the commandment of the Lord. For us Christians the Gospel is the true beatitude and only the one who enters it is really blessed, on earth and heaven. Most Holy Mary is blessed not because Jesus sucked the milk from her, she is blessed since She listened to the Word of God, She put it into practice and was able to become Mother of God. One becomes Mother of God only for the faith and on earth and in heaven there is no greater beatitude granted to a woman. Here are the words of answer of the Virgin Mary: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." True profession of total obedience.**