**WEDNESDAY JULY 27 – XVII WEEK O. T. [C]**

**The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.**

**Jesus asks each of his disciple for wisdom, intelligence, great knowledge if they wish to be true kingdom of God today and always. Wisdom is mother of every sound discernment. We know that wisdom is a gift of God, but it is also pursuit of man. Above all, one must ask for it to the Lord with endless prayer. Here is the prayer with which he asks the Lord to fill him with his divine wisdom: “O God of my ancestors and Lord of mercy, who have made all things by your word,  and by your wisdom have formed humankind to have dominion over the creatures you have made, and rule the world in holiness and righteousness, and pronounce judgment in uprightness of soul, give me the wisdom that sits by your throne, and do not reject me from among your servants. For I am your servantthe son of your serving girl, a man who is weak and short-lived, with little understanding of judgment and laws; for even one who is perfect among human beings will be regarded as nothing without the wisdom that comes from you. You have chosen me to be king of your people and to be judge over your sons and daughters. You have given command to build a temple on your holy mountain, and an altar in the city of your habitation, a copy of the holy tent that you prepared from the beginning. With you is wisdom, she who knows your works and was present when you made the world; she understands what is pleasing in your sight and what is right according to your commandments.**

**Send her forth from the holy heavens, and from the throne of your glory send her, that she may labor at my side, and that I may learn what is pleasing to you. For she knows and understands all things, and she will guide me wisely in my actions and guard me with her glory. Then my works will be acceptable, and I shall judge your people justly, and shall be worthy of the throneof my father. For who can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail; for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthy tent burdens the thoughtfulmind. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labor; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you, and were saved by wisdom.” (Wis 9,1-18).**

**Here is why wisdom is necessary to every man: “For Wisdom, the artificer of all, taught me. For in her is a spirit intelligent, holy, unique, Manifold, subtle, agile, clear, unstained, certain, Not baneful, loving the good, keen, unhampered, beneficent, kindly, Firm, secure, tranquil, all-powerful, all-seeing, And pervading all spirits, though they be intelligent, pure and very subtle. For Wisdom is mobile beyond all motion, and she penetrates and pervades all things by reason of her purity. For she is an aura of the might of God and a pure effusion of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nought that is sullied enters into her. For she is the refulgence of eternal light, the spotless mirror of the power of God, the image of his goodness. And she, who is one, can do all things, and renews everything while herself perduring; And passing into holy souls from age to age, she produces friends of God and prophets. For there is nought God loves, be it not one who dwells with Wisdom. For she is fairer than the sun and surpasses every constellation of the stars. Compared to light, she takes precedence; for that, indeed, night supplants, but wickedness prevails not over Wisdom (Wis 7,22-30).**

**Let us read the text of Mt 13,44-46**

**"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.**

**The man who finds the treasure in the field is wise. He just needs to make calculations. He knows that the treasure is infinitively worthier than what he owns. He sells the little to gain the more. He sells the finite to take possession of the infinite. Jesus, too, sells his body of flesh in order to gain an immortal, spiritual, incorruptible, glorious body. To gain an eternal glory He annihilates himself, humbles himself, makes himself obedient until the death and to a death of cross. Jesus is always governed by the highest wisdom of the Holy Spirit. He grew from wisdom to wisdom.**

**The merchant searching for fine pearls makes the same discernment. He knows that the pearl that is before his eyes is infinitively worthier than all the pearls owned by him and of every other possession that was in his hands. He is stripped of what is of little value in order to gain what is of most high value. The eternal kingdom of the Lord is of infinite and eternal value. To gain it, it is necessary that we sell all our life and all the time that we are on earth for it. It is about making some calculations. Everything we are and we have is of finite, limited value. With our death, everything disappears. Why not turn it into an eternal value, then? Mother of God, help us.**