**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17 – XX WEEK O.T. [C]**

**“My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or, am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?”**

**Our God is divinely great. He gives us all things. However, He wants each of his gift to be our conquest, our merit, as well. He wants each of his gift be also merit of our work, of our obedience, of our faith, of our will. Today this divine and anthropological theology has been attacked by an army of locusts that entered the truth given to us by God and is devouring it until its roots. They are not even leaving the trunk from which the new leaves and the new life will sprout then. Who are these locusts? The wicked teachers, the wicked doctors, the wicked preachers of the Gospel, the wicked servants of the Word of the Lord. Those deprived of every wisdom of Holy Spirit and of each of his understanding are reducing the entire theology established by the Lord with eternal decree to a lie. The Word uttered by the Lord through the means of his prophet Jeremiah is fulfilled because of these heedless and evil servants: “Tell them: Thus said the Lord: When someone falls, does he not rise again? If he goes astray, does he not turn back? Why do these people rebel with obstinate resistance? Why do they cling to deceptive idols, refuse to turn back? I listen closely: they speak what is not true: No one repents of his wickedness, saying: “What have I done!” Everyone keeps on running his course, like a steed dashing into battle. Even the stork in the air knows his seasons; Turtledove, swallow and thrush observe their time of return, but my people do not know the ordinance of the Lord. How can you say: We are wise, we have the law of the Lord? Why, that has been changed into falsehood by the lying pen of the scribes! The wise are confounded, dismayed and ensnared; since they have rejected the word of the Lord, of what avail is their wisdom? Small and great alike, all are greedy for gain, prophet and priest, all practice fraud (Cf. Jer 8,4-12). The historical forms to reduce the Word of God to a lie vary from time to time. Even the historical forms of the fruits that this upheaval produces and the intervention of the Lord vary from time to time. However, the fact remains that divine theology and anthropology are being destroyed and with their destruction death wraps the entire humanity. Today man is morally killing himself and no one cares about it. The wound is healed really easily. This is the fruit of the locusts. Instead of healing, they destroy. Today man is destroyed in his ontological truth and no one cares about it. One wants to heal him adding falsity to falsity and lie to lie.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 20,1-16**

**The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them: “You too, go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.” So they went off, and he went out again around noon, and around three o’clock, and likewise. Going out about five o’clock, he found others and said to them “Why do you stand here idle all day?” They answered, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them “You too go into my vineyard.” When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman “Summon the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner saying: “These last ones worked only one hour and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.” He said to one of them in reply: “My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or, am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”**

**Today Jesus the Lord reiterates this divine theology and anthropology. Being called to work in his vineyard is a gift of the Lord. Receiving the agreed wage is merit of man. Did you work? It is a just thing that I give you what I promised. This is why you have come to work. The relation of righteousness ends here. The Lord calls for charity. The Lord gives what was agreed for righteousness. The relation of work ends here. But the Lord lives another relation with man: that of his divine and endless charity. He can give the entire wage to whom has worked less time, as well. Provided that he has worked in his vineyard, though. This relation is part of his eternal mystery that we are not able to understand for one may understand it only in the greatest love and in the divine charity that governs every action of our Father. However, today, this theology and this divine anthropology has been pulped. The wicked teachers, the wicked doctors, the wicked preachers, the worst interprets of the Word of the Lord affirm and state that there is no longer any relation of work. Neither for the whole day nor for one only hour or one only moment. Only the mercy of the Lord bringing everyone in his eternal kingdom exists. This is the new theology and the new anthropology, satanic theology and anthropology, certainly not divine. May the Mother of God come to our rescue.**