**TUESDAY OCTOBER 04 – XXVII WEEK O.T. [C]**

**SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PATRON OF ITALY**

**"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.”**

**For what does Jesus give praise to the Father, the Lord of heaven and earth today? He gives praise to Him because He has hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. But who are the childlike? Those who are not from themselves, but depend in all things from their God and Lord. The childlike is the one who is not from himself, for he is only from God. Let us take a newborn. He is the true childlike of the Gospel. The newborn is dependent in all things from his mother. He can nothing from himself. He is in the total impossibility. If one does not become “spiritual newborn” before God, He cannot do. Revealing the kingdom is not only saying it, making it be known. Revealing before God is also creating. He cannot create his kingdom in us if we are filled with ourselves. Instead, we become newborn in spirit and in mind and the Lord will be able to do.**

**“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.” This verse is worth the Scripture, all God, all man, all time, all eternity, all earth, all heaven, all universe. In this verse is the truth of God, of man, of heaven, of earth, of time, of eternity. Without this verse and its divines and human truth, Christ would be a Christ, but He would not be the only Christ of God, the only Mediator, the only Redeemer, the only Saviour, the only Way, the only Truth, the only Eternal Life. The Father who is the only and unique Lord and Creator, the only true God of the universe, has given all himself to his Son, who is Son not by adoption, not by election, but Son by eternal generation. Jesus is God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, one in being with the Father. To this unique Son, who, being made flesh, from true God has also become true man, the Father has given all things. He has made Him Lord of all things. Jesus is the Lord of heaven and of earth, of time and of eternity. He is the Lord of every life and He is also Lord over death. No created reality is out of his Lordship or Government. Every man has been placed under the Lordship of the Son. “No one knows the Son except the Father”. The one who knows the Son is only the Father. The Father knows Him for He has made Him from eternity. He knows Him for He is his own nature. He knows Him for the Son lives and dwells in his bosom. By nature they are the same nature. By communion they are one for each other, linked by a bond of eternal love, that is bond of eternal obedience in the Son. This knowledge is most perfect. The Father knows all things about the Son. “No one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”. As no one knows the Son except the Father, thus no one knows the Father except the Son. Beyond this knowledge there is no knowledge. Who also knows the Father? The one to whom the Son will want to reveal him. It means that, if Christ is excluded from the knowledge of the Father, one remains with no knowledge of the Father. If we take away Christ, the Old Testament immediately dies. It loses its hope, its prophecy of salvation. The New Testament dies. It becomes a book of weird tales, of a wold who might never be built on earth. A book of dreams. The entire truth of God dies, the entire truth of man, the entire truth of salvation, the entire truth of God, the entire truth of the eternal life. One takes away Christ from the revelation of the Father, everyone can make his own God, his Lord, he can make himself God.**

**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."**

**If these words of Christ are true – and history attests their most pure truth every day – why has the Christian become so foolish and ignorant today to affirm the theory of the unique God for all the nations? Why has the Christian come to such a groundlessness to proclaim that one can go to God without Christ and that all the ways lead to God? The way of God is only Jesus. If this truth falls, the revelation falls, the Church falls, its sacraments fall, God falls, the Holy Spirit falls, all the ministries fall. Everything falls without this truth so solemnly proclaimed by Christ the Lord. Now it is righteous to ask: why has the Christian come to such abominable cancellation of Christ and of his truth? The answer cannot be but one: today one wants to build the religion of man without the true God. Where does such a foolish thought come from? From the fact that the building of the religion of man with the true Christ, in which is the true God, the true Word of God and the true grace of God, forces the Christian to proclaim himself indifferent. One can profess any doctrine, any morality, any worship. One can worship any God, they are all the same after all. Without Christ, they are gods made by men. May the Mother of Jesus deliver us from such a devilish and hellish temptation. Only Jesus is the way to know God.**