**FRIDAY OCTOBER 07 – XXVII WEEK O.T. [C]**

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

**But if it is by the finger of God that (I) drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you**

**Every miracle of Jesus is ordered to the creation in the hearts of the faith in Him, sent by the Father. The faith in Him, sent by the Father, must create the other faith: the faith in his Word received as true Word of the Father, true Word of their God and Lord. Received the Word, man begins his path of true kingdom of God. How to do so that no one believes in Jesus sent by the Father, does not believe in his Word accepted as true Word of God? How to destroy in the hearts and in the minds this process of approaching to the Truth that saves and redeems? Here is the satanic, devilish, hellish cunning of his enemies who are the scribes and the Pharisees. “Some of them said, "By the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he drives out demons." With this accusation, calumny, false witness, lie, sinful alteration of history, one wants to get people away from Jesus the Lord. One want to isolate Him from the people. Who will believe in a man who works with the help of Satan? Jesus answers them that every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste. Unity is force. Division is weakness. Unity is life. Division is death. Unity is stability. Division is instability. The impure spirit takes possession of the body of a man. Another stronger unclean spirit comes and drives him away. This is not unity. It is division. In division, the kingdom of Satan is in danger. Jesus also adds: your children drive out demons too. But why do they drive them away with the finger of God and I with the finger of Beelzebul? Yours are not motivation of reason, with the foundation in the history, in the reality. They are motivations of will, of sin, of malice, of envy. You want to get the hearts away of my person and this is why you say that I drive the unclean spirits with the finger of Beelzebul. Your children will be those who condemn you for false witness, for none of them has ever believed and will never believe that Satan drives out Satan. Here is then the conclusion of Jesus: “But if it is by the finger of God that (I) drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.” But you want to destroy this truth precisely. This is why you say that I drive out demons with the finfer of Beelzebul. The scribes and the Pharisees are true voice of Satan. He uses them to get every heart away from Jesus the Lord.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 11,15-26**

**He was driving out a demon (that was) mute, and when the demon had gone out, the mute person spoke and the crowds were amazed. Some of them said, "By the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he drives out demons." Others, to test him, asked him for a sign from heaven. But he knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house. And if Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that it is by Beelzebul that I drive out demons. If I, then, drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own people drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that (I) drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man fully armed guards his palace, his possessions are safe. But when one stronger than he attacks and overcomes him, he takes away the armor on which he relied and distributes the spoils. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. "When an unclean spirit goes out of someone, it roams through arid regions searching for rest but, finding none, it says, 'I shall return to my home from which I came.' But upon returning, it finds it swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and brings back seven other spirits more wicked than itself who move in and dwell there, and the last condition of that person is worse than the first."**

**The unclean spirit has made the heart of man his house. He is driven out of it, with the conversion, the faith in the Gospel, the immersion in the water of baptism, the celebration of the other sacraments. What does he do to gain the house again? He works to separate the Christian from the love of the Father, from the grace of Christ Jesus, from the truth of the Holy Spirit little by little. Where to begin from: from the Father, from the Son or from the Holy Spirit? Little by little, today, insinuating a thought today, another one tomorrow, he begins to separate the Christian from the Gospel according to the truth of the Holy Spirit. He convinces him to embrace other thoughts. The little transgressions, the little venialities, the little missions, the little sins begin. Then, one passes on greater transgressions, greater venialities, greater omissions, greater sins. One gets used to these things and the work of dismantling of the entire Truth of the Gospel according to the Holy Spirit from the mind and from the heart can begin. When one passes from an evangelic mentality to a mundane mentality and from a supernatural vision of life to a vision of only immanence, it is the end. One can commit all sins. Grace dies and love dies. One loses the conscience of Truth, of grace, of love, of righteousness, of the mission. One works for the Kingdom of God, one says. However, one forgets that also the truth of the kingdom has been swallowed by falsity, by lie, by darkness. Satan has won. One abandons the truth of one’s own vocation and consecration, one hands himself over to one’s own instinct, leaving the motion and the leading of the Holy Spirit in a definite way. May the Mother of God never let Satan govern us.**