**SATURDAY OCTOBER 08 – XXVII WEEK O.T. [C]**

**"Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."**

**Jesus is speaking about the mysteries of the kingdom, when a woman 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 words of this woman express admiration for Jesus. Her words are truth. However, she attributes everything to a fact of nature: “Jesus is great for he had a good mother. He is great because he was born in a good family. His mother must be declared saint. She had a son beyond every expectation. Every mother would like to have a son like Jesus. This is why his mother is blessed.” Mary is blessed, but not because She had Jesus. Jesus is a gift. Mary is blessed for She has believed in the fulfilment of the Word of her Lord. Jesus re-affirms the truth about his mother uttered by the Holy Spirit. “He replied, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." It is truth: my Mother is blessed for She has listened. She has obeyed. She has observed. It is truth: I am great not because I am God, I am Son of God, I am the Messiah of my Father. I am great because I have obeyed, I obey, I always do the things that are pleasing to my Father. I am great for I love the Father. God is the only great and every true greatness of man is participation of his one. He participates it in the measure of the obedience. Mary is great for She has given all herself to God. Christ Jesus is great because He has made himself holocaust for the Father. The beatitude of man is a fruit. It is the fruit of our faith in the Word of the Lord. The Mother of Jesus is blessed for She has believed in the Word of the Angel Gabriel: “During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Lk 1,39-45). When is a man blessed? When he believes in the Word of the Gospel and plunges himself in it with all the soul, the spirit, the body. The Word of Jesus believed in perennial obedience turns everything of us. It makes us poor, merciful, meek, pure of heart, thirsty for righteousness, capable of any affliction. In the Word one is blessed. One leaves the Word, one immediately loses every beatitude: “"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” (Mt 5,3-12a). The woman from the crowd proclaims Mary blessed for She has given Jesus to the world, such a great man. A woman can give birth even to the greatest man and not be blessed, because she does not live in the Word of God. Only the Word is the dwelling of the beatitude and one enters it through the faith. Mary has believed, believes, remains blessed in eternity.**

**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."**

**The Revelation ends inviting every man to remain faithful to the words revealed and written by the Apostle John. Whoever remains in those words with the faith will be blessed in eternity. Whoever transgresses, alters, modifies them will be excluded from the beatitude forever. There will be no place for him in the dwelling of the eternal beatitude. “And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, and the Lord, the God of prophetic spirits, sent his angel to show his servants what must happen soon." "Behold, I am coming soon." Blessed is the one who keeps the prophetic message of this book. It is I, John, who heard and saw these things, and when I heard and saw them I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me. But he said to me, "Don't! I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brothers the prophets and of those who keep the message of this book. Worship God." Then he said to me, "Do not seal up the prophetic words of this book, for the appointed time is near. Let the wicked still act wickedly, and the filthy still be filthy. The righteous must still do right, and the holy still be holy." "Behold, I am coming soon. I bring with me the recompense I will give to each according to his deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are they who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates. Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the unchaste, the murderers, the idol-worshipers, and all who love and practice deceit.” (Cf. Rev. 22,1-21). Today man is in the frantic search of the beatitude. He searches for it in the vice, in the sin, in the transgression of the Commandments, in the destruction of the Gospel. The beatitude is only in the Word. One turns back to it, one is blessed. One remains out, there might never be peace. May the Mother of Jesus help us live of true beatitude.**