**TUESDAY OCTOBER 11 – XXVIII WEEK O.T. [C]**

**"Oh you Pharisees! Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, inside you are filled with plunder and evil.**

**Jesus uses every moment of his time dedicating it to the proclamation of the Word and to the true building of the kingdom of God in every heart. Before Him there is only the person to save. There are no human categories. Every man is a man. A Pharisee invites Him to dine at this house. Jesus goes and reclines at the table. He accepts with one only purpose: sowing the Word of the Lord even to the Pharisees and to those who are part of his way to live the religion. Doing all things to testify, sow, enlighten every man with the Word of the Lord. Those who are disciples of Jesus and those who are not. Everyone must be enlightened. Instead, the disciple often does everything to obscure the Word of Christ the lord in his life and in the life of the brothers of faith. The Pharisee sees and is amazed. Jesus did not observe the prescribed washing before the meal. Jesus has not come to give legal, divine vigour to the traditions of men. He has come to put the true Light, the divine Light, the eternal Light in every heart. Jesus gives this Light, so that everyone may see his Father and the beauty of his Word, the holiness of his Commandments, the eternity of his Law. A nulla serve osservare le consuetudini degli uomini. They are not human ways. Jesus has not come to give eternal value to the human things, but to fill them with the true eternity. Jesus uses the amazement of the Pharisees to sow the truth of God and the things of God in his heart and in the heart of those presents. Supreme strategies of the divine wisdom. Every occasion is lived in view of the sowing of the Word. “The Lord said to him, "Oh you Pharisees! Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, inside you are filled with plunder and evil.” This is hypocrisy. Showing the outside as beautiful in order to hide the plunder that is inside. The body is cared in each of its aspect. It must be cleaned. But also the heart must be cleaned, cleansed, sanctified. Even the heart must be washed in the water of the truth of the Word of the Lord. One immerses it with the obedience to the Law of God.**

**Man is made up of visibility and of invisibility, of body and soul, of heart and of will, of spirit and many other faculties. The body is wondrous unity of many of its elements. Unity must be kept pure, not a part of it and what is more the visible part. Whoever wants to keep man pure must begin from the heart, from the mind, from the soul, from the spirit, from the desires, from the feelings. This purity is of essence. Without its purity, even the body is uncleansed, because one uses it for the impurity. We can even wash it or leave it to soak for many hours a day, but it is an uncleansed body. Today is the body not made beautiful for the impurity, for the vice? Does one make it beautiful as instrument of the sin. What is the use of the physical beauty, but to stimulate the worst instincts of the human person? Instead, if one made the heart pure, everything would change. Pure heart, pure eyes, pure mind, pure word.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 11,37-41**

**After he had spoken, a Pharisee invited him to dine at his home. He entered and reclined at table to eat. The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not observe the prescribed washing before the meal. The Lord said to him, "Oh you Pharisees! Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, inside you are filled with plunder and evil. You fools! Did not the maker of the outside also make the inside? But as to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you.**

**Now Jesus teaches the Pharisees and, through their means, every man, that the body and the whole man begins to be pure since he starts to deliver himself from the vice of the greed and from avarice. These two vices give life to every other vice. One gets rid of them and every other vice can be governed. When avarice and greed take possess of the heart, there is no space for the Lord and for his holy Law. For avarice one even sells the Law of the Lord and for greed one all sacrifices, one is even capable to deny the father and the mother. Everything begins from freedom.**

**But there is a sin whose seriousness is with no measure. This sin is the omission of the teaching of the Gospel. The non-teaching of the Gospel is not the most serious sin for us today. This is very serious. But it is not the most serious sin. The most serious sin is the false teaching of the Gospel, of the Tradition, of the deposit of the faith, of the sound doctrine. With this sin, the gates of heaven are locked. The one who commits it does not enter it. He prevents others from entering, though. Here is the most serious sin: because of the false teaching of the Word of the Lord, one locks the kingdom of God to the entire world. One condemns men to eternal perdition. Why does one condemn men to eternal perdition? Because without the comfort of the light of the truth and of the grace of the Lord, man abandons himself to every kind of transgression until suffocating the truth in unrighteousness. Here is why there is no greater sin than this one. Those who are in charge of the teaching of the Word of the Lord must be very attentive, very vigilant, very careful. Even because of one of their oversight, one loses a soul for whom the Lord has given his life. But today this issue no longer exists for many ones. So far, one does not believe in the eternal perdition, either. In the end – one says – God’s mercy always triumphs. Falsity, mother of all falsity! May the Mother of God teach us to make our heart pure, pure as pure her heart is.**