**FRIDAY OCTOBER 14 – XXVIII O.T. [C]**

**Beware of the leaven - that is, the hypocrisy - of the Pharisees. "There is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.**

**As the leaven acts in an invisible way in the dough, so hypocrisy, being true leaven, acts in the heart of men. Beware means keeping away, not letting oneself be contaminated, not having any relation, always keeping oneself at distance. Hypocrisy is wearing the mask of holiness, while there is rottenness of immorality behind it. It is wearing the mask of true faith, while there is a great idolatry and negation of the faith of the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob. Apparently saints of people of faith. Actually, immoral and idolaters. Immorality and idolatry cannot be kept concealed. Everything man has in his heart appears even in his body. The idolatry of the mind becomes idolatry of the entire life and thus immorality. If someone wants a thought not to be known, the thought must not be figured. A figured thought is immediately known. Every sin will become known as every good work.**

**The disciple of Jesus is new creation in Him, made in the baptism. Might this Word and this work of the Holy Spirit remain secret? Can the Christian keep his truth and his identity secret because of the fear of men who may kill his body? If he is a true Christian, he will visibly show to be so, as soon as he has to make the littlest choice in his life. The choice involves a visible work. Not showing the light, the truth, the righteousness, his own being disciple of Jesus because of the fear of men is a great foolishness. First because men can do nothing against the soul. Secondly, everything of them will come to light. Is one disciple of Jesus in the soul, in the heart, in the spirit? One must also be this way in the body. Even a word whispered to the ear will be heard by the entire world. So that no one knows that we are disciples, we must not know it, either. One must only fear the Judge of the living and of the dead, the Judge of every man, the Judge who has the power to condemn to the eternal perdition because we have denied him with our scare and fear of men. Our God must be testified, proclaimed, confessed as the Lord of our life. Christ Jesus, too, must be testified, proclaimed, confessed as our Saviour and Redeemer. He will be the Judge who will send to the Gehenna. Unfortunately, today this truth is no longer part of the Catholic faith. Today everyone appeal themselves to a God who is only mercy, only welcoming, only forgiveness, only compassion, only Paradise, only good. The God judge is no longer our truth. However, it is righteous that everyone knows that it is enough to take away one only truth from the mystery of our faith, so that the entire faith is made a false matter. If God is not Judge, for He is only mercy, faith is of no use.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 12, 1-7**

**Meanwhile, so many people were crowding together that they were trampling one another underfoot. He began to speak, first to his disciples, "Beware of the leaven - that is, the hypocrisy - of the Pharisees. "There is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed on the housetops. I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body but after that can do no more. I shall show you whom to fear. Be afraid of the one who after killing has the power to cast into Gehenna; yes, I tell you, be afraid of that one. Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God. Even the hairs of your head have all been counted. Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.**

**Now Jesus gives a reason why one should not fear men. They can nothing against our life. They can if He lets. He lets it for the growth of our faith, of our hope, of our charity. Now, if no sparrow is forgotten before God, might God forget a man? A disciple of his Son? If He lets something happen to the Christian or to men, He lets it so that man grows in his truth or converts himself to it. The purpose of the things that happen is always in view of the highest and true salvation of man. God does all things in history for the salvation and the redemption of his children. He has created us for the eternal beatitude and this is why his Providence is always put at work: to trace ways of eternity for every man that is on earth. If God is concerned even with one only hair, will he not be concerned of the whole man, of the whole disciple of his Son? Of course, He will be concerned! If God is concerned with sparrows, if He counts the hair on our head, can He be unconcerned with us? How great is the value of every single man before Him? Everyone is worth as the Son of God crucified for our redemption and salvation. If God has died for us on the cross, then it is sign that we are worthy before his eyes. We are not little worthy. We are worthy as Jesus crucified. The Father has ransomed us with the blood of his Son. As the blood of the Son, who is the blood of the Incarnated Word, is precious, so is the value of a man. Therefore, we are precious before the eyes of our God. We are very precious. However, today since we have deprived the faith of each of its truth, everything is lived with a void feeling. The feeling is like dry straw on the impetuous wings of temptation. We are led from mistake into mistake, from sin into sin, from falsity into falsity, from deceit into deceit. Either we give faith all the most pure truth or we will always be prey of temptation. May the Virgin Mary obtain for us the grace of filling faith with most pure truth.**