**TUESDAY OCTOBER 25 – XXX WEEK O.T. [C]**

**"To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed (in) with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch of dough was leavened."**

**What is the great miracle that is fulfilled in the yeast? As soon as an ounce of dough is leavened becomes yeast for the whole batch of dough. In the beginning, it is a small thing. As soon as time goes on, the small thing becomes a great thing. Thus happens for every disciple of Jesus. If one develops with his obedience, perseverance, faithful, steadfastness, the entire almightiness of the Blessed Trinity that is placed in his heart, in his soul, in his body, the tree becomes utterly great. He becomes great, for he grows in Christ, with Christ, through Christ, in faith, hope, charity. It becomes great for he attracts many other hearts to Christ Jesus. If every disciple of Jesus lived as true disciple, he would leaven all the people with whom he is in contact. Rather, God himself would prompt those who do not believe. Jesus says: “And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." (Jn 12,32). When the Christian raises himself by evangelic life, as Christ, he attracts many other souls to light. Not only does he attract. The attracted souls, too, attract, on the condition that they always raise themselves in the Gospel. The prophet Zechariah reveals the force of this attraction: “Thus says the LORD of hosts: There shall yet come peoples, the inhabitants of many cities; and the inhabitants of one city shall approach those of another, and say, "Come! let us go to implore the favor of the LORD"; and, "I too will go to seek the LORD." Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to implore the favor of the LORD. Thus says the LORD of hosts: In those days ten men of every nationality, speaking different tongues, shall take hold, yes, take hold of every Jew by the edge of his garment and say, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you." (Zec 8,20-23). The force of attraction of the disciple of Jesus is in measure of his growth in faith, charity, hope, every other virtue. This growth will never have to be thought without Christ. It is always growth in Christ, with Christ, through Christ, letting himself be leavened by him day after day, moment after moment. If the Christian departs himself from Christ the Lord, he is not leavened with Christ and he might leaven anyone. The one who lets himself be leavened with no interruption by Christ Jesus leavens the world.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 13,18-21**

**Then he said, "What is the kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a person took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and 'the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches.'" Again he said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed (in) with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch of dough was leavened."**

**As the seed is not seed if it is deprived of his sprout, so the Christian is not Christian if it is deprived of the Holy Spirit. A seed without sprout can stay under the ground even for a century. The stem will never leave from it. Thus the Christian can immerse himself in the faith even for centuries. But if he is deprived of the Spirit, he will remain closed in himself and will not make any child to the faith and will never make one only Christian. No one will acknowledge him as a true disciple of Jesus, for he is without the Spirit of the Lord in him. Instead, when one is in the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is in us, we are with the Spirit and the Spirit is with us, then the entire world see it, realise it, ascertain it. From what? From the works one fulfills. In the Gospel, a father has the son possessed by an unclean spirit. He would realise that the disciples were not as Christ Jesus. They were not able to deliver his son. The divine sprout of the Holy Spirit was lacking in them. Instead, he would recognize Jesus as a person full of Holy Spirit. In fact, the liberation is the fruit of Jesus and of the disciples. If the world does not recognize us as true disciples of Jesus, we can do all things, we will never conquer their heart to Christ through our works. Rather, they escape from us. I do not think that that father will go to the disciples to ask for something. He has asked, but the disciples have not fulfilled him. The Christian, every Christian, must become a mustard seed. He becomes so, if his faith is filled with the Holy Spirit. Christian and Holy Spirit must be one only thing as the mustard seed and the sprout. With the Holy Spirit in the Christian, history changes. But is the Holy Spirit enough to have in oneself the divine sprout to grow as a flourishing tree? It is not enough. The seed becomes tree if planted in the field. If kept in a sack, it will never become a tree. The field where the seed with the sprout of the Holy Spirit must be planted is the heart of Christ Jesus. Since today we are getting rid of Christ, not only do we become uprooted trees and we therefore turn ourselves into dry trees. Moreover, even if someone wanted to become Christians, we can do nothing for him because we cannot plant him in the heart of Christ the Lord. Either we place again Christ Jesus at the core of our life of Christians, or it is our spiritual death and the abandonment of the world to its idolatry and immorality. Christ Jesus remains Christ in eternity, his heart remains the good field in eternity. He does not depend on our feelings and neither from our instincts of lie and of falsity. He is the good field in eternity. It is up to us to choose him or to refuse him. We change. He does not change. We refuse him. He will never refuse us. It is enough to knock at his heart, ask him that we want to be seed planted in Him and immediately his heart is open and we can become a great tree. Mother of God, ensure that the Christian is always planted in the heart of Christ.**