**FRIDAY OCTOBER 28 – XXX WEEK O.T. [C]**

**SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE APOSTLES**

**In those days he departed to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God. When day came, he called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also named apostles**

**The mountain, among the old religion and also among the Hebrew, was the place where God the Lord dwelled. Moses receives the Law on the mountain. He receives it by God the Lord. It does not come God’s heart. The people know that it does not come from his heart. Instead, they know that it comes from God’s heart. The same truth must be preached of Jesus the Lord. He too goes to the mountain, goes to his Father, spends the whole night before Him in prayer. In it, He asks the Father to show him whom will have to be chosen to continue his mission of salvation and redemption tomorrow in history. This ascending of Jesus on the mountain must convince us of one only truth: the Twelve have chosen by the Father, not by Jesus the Lord. The Father has revealed him whom to choose and He chooses in full obedience. Jesus is from the Father, his mission is from the Father. The Apostles are from the Father, too. Their mission is from the Father. But who are the Apostles truly? The ones who in the history will have to bring and give the Father, bringing and giving Christ Jesus, bringing and giving the Holy Spirit. Bringing and giving the truth, the grace, the light, the eternal life, the Word that are in Christ Jesus. Most high mission, theirs. They have to offer every man the Father and all the force of his love, the Son and his extraordinary grace of salvation and of redemption, the Holy Spirit and the force of his truth, of his light, of his communion. This can happen in one only way: if the Apostles obey each Word said to them by Christ Jesus. If they depart themselves from the Word, they will speak from their heart and no longer from the heart of Christ Jesus. As Jesus the Lord has never spoken from his heart, but always from the heart of the Father in the Holy Spirit, so also the Apostles. They will always have to speak from the heart of Christ Jesus in the Holy Spirit. If they depart from Christ, they will also be separated from the Holy Spirit and their mission will no longer be that entrusted on them by Christ Jesus. It will be a mission of earth for earth.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 6,12-19**

**In those days he departed to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God. When day came, he called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called a Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. And he came down with them and stood on a stretch of level ground. A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and even those who were tormented by unclean spirits were cured. Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him because power came forth from him and healed them all.**

**As Jesus calls the Apostles according to the will of the Father, so every successors of the Apostles will have to be from the will of the Father, never from the will of a man. However, we know that if one is not enlightened, governed, led and moved by the Holy Spirit, it is always possible to choose from our will, deceived by our mind and by our eyes. Deceit is always at hand. If Samuel had not been guided step by step by his God, he would have consecrated a king not chosen by the Lord. The deceit of the eyes and of the mind is always possible to everyone. In our most holy faith, everything must always come from the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit. Nothing must proceed from our heart. Even a word of faith, of light, of comfort, of revelation, of prayer, of encouragement must come from the Father, through Christ in the Holy Spirit. If this truth obliges everyone, every member of the body of Christ, it infinitively obliges the Apostles and their successors. They are vicars of Christ the Lord. Now the vicar, for his nature, for his ministry, is always from the will of the one of whom he is vicar, namely from the will of Christ Jesus. If he acts from his will, he ceases to be vicar, becomes autonomous, makes himself master of his ministry and of his mission. If this had to happen, Christ the Lord can no longer work through his means and what is done is only vain work. This is the reason why Christ Jesus might never be eliminated neither from faith and nor from the Church. If a Christian is from Christ, eliminating Christ, what Christian is he? If a presbyter is presbyter of Christ, disavowed Christ, what presbyter is he? If a bishop is vicar of Christ, if Christ is useless, what is the use of his vicar? However, Satan is so able to convince us that one can deny the truth of origin remaining, our truth, intact. He knows how to convince us that one can cut the tree from the roots and what is cut can continue to produce the fruits as before. Today he has convinced us that this is possible. Without the truth of Christ Jesus, we do not have any truth neither of God, nor of the Holy Spirit, neither of the Church, nor of the ministers, neither of the sacraments, nor of any other thing. Dead this truth of origin, the derived truth dies. Satan has fully succeed in his aim. The victory is his. If keeping Christ in the purity of his truth is obligation of every member of the body of Christ, infinitively more it is worthy for his Vicars. Virgin Mary, entirely of God, teach us this truth.**