**30 OCTOBER – XXXI SUNDAY O.T. [C]**

**And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."**

**Every meeting of a person with Christ Jesus is through motion of the Holy Spirit. The motion can be through explicit invitation or by inner inspiration, in the secret of the heart, in which not even the person who receives the inspiration knows that that is motion of the Spirit of the Lord. An example of implicit motion is the world that on the Pentecost Day come to the place where the Apostles were gathered in the moment of the descent of the Holy Spirit. The world come attracted by the clamour, as if it were the rush of the wind in whose sign the Holy Spirit manifested. Instead, an example of explicit motion is that of Philip who is sent by the Holy Spirit on the way that goes to Gaza from Jerusalem. On this way, the official of the Queen Candace receives the announcement of Christ and also the baptism in his name. In the Gospel according to John the perfect example of inspiration or inner motion is the Woman of Samaria. She was moved by the Holy Spirit to go to the well to draw some water precisely in the moment in which Jesus had just arrived. Mary, too, Lazarus’s sister, who during the banquet who anoints Jesus’s feet with ointment. In the Gospel of the Evangelist Luke an example of implicit motion of the Holy Spirit is that of the sinner who enters the house of Simon. Today it is Zacchaeus. He has an uncontrollable desire in his heart. He wants to see Jesus. Being short in nature, he could not see because of the crowd. The Spirit puts in his heart even the ways letting him fulfil his desire: climbing on a sycamore, that was about to pass his way. So that salvation arises in a heart, one only inspiration is not enough, one needs a second one. One needs the Spirit to move and inspire the instrument or the mediator of salvation. In our case, Jesus the Lord. He reaches the place, looks up and says to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." Without the second inspiration, the first one remains only curiosity. While through the second, the first is true motion of salvation. From this truth, we must deduct a second: the missionaries of Christ, the ministers of his Gospel, the administrators of his mysteries must always speak and fulfil every other thing. If they do not walk under perennial motion and inspiration of the Spirit of the Lord, their work is vain. Flesh does not know what a heart needs. The one who knows every heart is only the Holy Spirit and He alone can speak. The ministers of Christ, every member of his body, can speak to the heart only if they are in the Spirit of God and let themselves be moved by Him perennially. One walks in the Spirit, one looks up in the Spirit, one listens in the Spirit, one gives the Word in the Spirit, in the Spirit, all and always in the Spirit.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 19,1-10**

**He came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."**

**Today many are the ways through which the Spirit leads the missionaries of the Gospel, the ministers of Christ, the administrators of his mysteries. If they are not filled with Holy Spirit and do not let Him rule their spirit, soul and body, they expose the work of the Spirit to a great failure. One wants a Church that goes forth. What is the Church that goes forth? That which goes forth for she is moved by the Spirit to meet every other person moved, as well, by the Spirit to be led to Christ again, through the faith in Him and the baptism received in his name. If flesh goes forth to meet flesh, it is of no use. Can that Church that is incapable to lead all those innumerable people, that the Holy Spirit sends her daily through ordinary and extraordinary ways, to the true Christ, to the true God and Father, to the true Gospel, to the true faith be the one that goes forth? Some events have a worldwide impact. These vents, too, are creation of the Spirit. One only word of truth, of most pure evangelic truth, would be enough and many hearts would be put into account, into crisis, they might see their life empty of truth and of grace and, instead, these events are trivialized, rather our own most pure faith in Christ trivialized and daubed more than a white paper with a pour of black pitch. The Spirit creates the events and we ruin them, we deprive them of truth, we fill them with empty feeling, we even celebrate them in the great falsity, justifying the iniquity and mocking the truth and the righteousness according to God. We are emptied of Spirit. Mother of God, teach us not to waste any event created by the Spirit.**