**MONDAY NOVEMBER 21 – XXXIV WEEK O.T. [C]**

**Those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood."**

**This poor widow, put on the lampstand of history, is true figure of Christ the Lord. As true figures of Christ Jesus are Isaac, the lamb of Passover, the rock, the manna. The figure anticipates in a different reality what will be fulfilled in fullness of truth in history. The poor widow renounces to all that she has to live for the glory, the honour, the magnificence, the beauty of the temple of the Lord. She offers it to God so that his temple and the liturgy that one celebrates in it is never lacking in splendour and in glory. Not by chance the temple of Jerusalem was the dwelling of God on our earth at that time. This poor widow loves God, she wants her God not to be lacking in anything in terms of even visible splendour and glory. For her, God must be visibly beautiful as He is invisibly beautiful. So that this may be fulfilled, he does not hesitate to renounce even to what she has to live. The glory of God comes before her life, rather her entire life must be put at the service of the glory of her Lord. This is her great, true faith. This true faith is turned into life.**

**Jesus comes. He is true temple of God. However, He must make all men dwelling of God, so that his Father may manifest through them, all his divine and eternal beauty, beauty of truth, righteousness, holiness, love, light, mercy, hope, charity. What does He, the Christ of God, give so that this temple be made beautiful, very beautiful? He gives the Father what He has to live: his body, his blood, his spirit, his soul, all himself. He keeps nothing of what is his for himself. He gives all things to the Father so that his temple be always bright with divine and eternal beauty. Jesus makes himself holocaust, sacrifice of love, gift of true expiation so that every man is taken by the Father, in the Holy Spirit, is made his dwelling, his holy temple. Jesus consumed his entire life for the service of the temple of the Father, showing each man the beauty through his deeds and his words. Jesus has kept nothing for himself. He has stripped himself of all things, even of his honour and glory, to make a sacrifice of salvation for everyone. What Christ has done for the temple of the Father, each of his disciple must do, each stone of this temple. The nit is righteous for everyone to ask: “But what am I doing so that the temple of God is beautiful, extraordinarily beautiful, so that everyone makes the difference between the splendour of the dwelling of God and the other hovels built and being defined and proclaimed dwelling of God? Jesus replies who asks himself this question, offering himself as example, revealing what He did for the temple of his Father. The first thing that He has done for the temple of his Father has been showing through his body, his soul, his spirit, his thoughts, all his actions, the beauty and the greatness of the heart of the Father, of his love, of his holiness. If the Christian does not show, through his life, the beauty of the heart of the Father, every other thing he does is useless, vain, meaningless. Whoever does not show the beauty of the heart of the Father attests not to know it. If he does not know it, he might not speak about it either. If the life of the Christian is not entirely consecrated to show the beauty of the heart of the Father, he can do nothing to announce the Word to his brothers. He lacks the instrument of convincement and of faith. He will speak about an inexistent truth. He will announce a beauty that is only imaginary, as not shown by him.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 21,1-4**

**When he looked up he saw some wealthy people putting their offerings into the treasury and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood."**

**Jesus does not want his disciples to let themselves be deceived by appearance. Appearance is not the truth of a heart, a mind, a spirit. It can be great manifestation of hypocrisy, but also of works that are not born of the purity of true faith and are therefore vitiated in themselves. Many rich put huge amount in the treasury of the temple. A woman, poor and also widow, puts in two coins, namely a dime. Apparently the woman gave nothing for the temple. The eyes of man see that. Jesus does not see with the eyes of man, but with the eyes of God. Before God's eyes, this woman has given infinitively more than all the rich put together. It would be enough to live with such faith and we will be capable of any good. Everyone would become providence for the brother. This is worthy in a special way for us who are disciples of Jesus the Lord. The one in need before us is Christ Jesus. We give Christ, Christ will give to us. We give Him according to what we have, He gives us according to what He has. We have little. He has the heaven and the earth at his disposal. This woman is true figure of Jesus the Lord. He has truly given what He had to live to us: his blood, his flesh, his life. He has even given his Mother and his Holy Spirit to us. He has given everything, the Father has given him everything in an overabundant way. He has made Him Lord and Christ, Judge of the living and of the dead because of the gift of all himself to the Father for our redemption and eternal salvation. Mother of Jesus, deliver us from every thought not according to the most pure faith.**