**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22 – XXXIV WEEK O.T. [C]**

**He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end."**

**The deceit began in the Garden planted by God in Eden and will rule earth until the day of Parusia. Today the deceit seems to have no limits. Having man given his thought the place that belongs by right of creation and of redemption, to the thought of God, the only who is most pure truth for every man, he does nothing but leading his life into an endless deceit. Today science is deceit. A lot of Theology is deceit. A lot of Hermeneutics is deceit. A lot of Exegesis is deceit. A lot of pastoral care is deceit. Politics is deceit for it is deprived of any principle of morality, both supernatural and natural. If we read the Letter to the Romans, here is what we will find about the man without God: “They are all under the domination of sin, as it is written: "There is no one just, not one, there is no one who understands, there is no one who seeks God. All have gone astray; all alike are worthless; there is not one who does good, (there is not) even one. Their throats are open graves; they deceive with their tongues; the venom of asps is on their lips; their mouths are full of bitter cursing. Their feet are quick to shed blood; ruin and misery are in their ways, and the way of peace they know not. There is no fear of God before their eyes."(Rm 3,9-18).**

**Whoever wants to keep himself from every deceit must remain faithful to every Word that has come out the mouth of Christ Jesus. If he abandons even one only Word, he falls in the deceit either of his thoughts or of the thoughts of the world. Is there another Christ? No. Is there another Gospel? No. Is there another way of salvation? The only way of salvation is in the name of Christ Jesus. Does man know when the Lord comes on the clouds of heaven? No. Does he know when the time of his death comes? No. Does he know what happens in a second? No. The Book of the history of every man and of humanity is sealed and only one can open its seals: the Immolated Lamb that the Risen is. Neither on heaven nor on earth is there one only person, neither angel nor man, who can reveal what happens in a second. Here is the deceit then. Every day there are men with a new God, a new Christ, a new Holy Spirit, a new Gospel, a new Holy Scripture, a new Church, new Sacraments, new truths, new doctrines, new moralities. What does the Christian do? He leaves the true God, the true Christ Jesus, the true Gospel, the true Scripture, the true doctrine, the true morality and hands himself over to the falsities of this or of that man. Announcing the modified Word, even in an indent, is a deceit. Preaching Christ Jesus denying even his smallest truth is a deceit. Likewise, modifying the structure of the Church in her divine structure is deceit. What comes from man can always be modified. Man has created it and man can modify it, he transforms it, he updates it. Instead, what is divine structure must always be delivered by the incrustations of history and given to the world in its brightest and most shining truth. And here is the deceit today. One is declaring the divine structure historical structure. If the divine structure has never existed, then man can modify the historical structure of the Church as he pleases. Are the Pope, the episcopate, the priesthood, the deaconate divine structure of the Church or are they human structure? Are all the divine mysteries that are celebrated in the sacraments of divine structure or are they historical structure? If everything is historical structure, everything can be modified. Today this is the great deceit. One wants to turn everything into historical structure, so that man can do what he wants of the Church, how he wants. This deceit is certainly the most devastating one, for it is really devilish. Satan has never gone such far. Since today many men of the Church have opened the gates to him and have let him sit in many positions of command, here he was able and is able to take the chance to deceive and take the Church to the total shipwreck.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 21, 5-11**

**While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, he said, "All that you see here - the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.**

**The history that humanity will live is not a simple history. It is a history where every day a new cross on which one must let himself be nailed arises. Many of these crosses are the direct fruit of the sin of man. Many other crosses are indirect fruit, but always of the fruit of man. The Christian knows that he must go through many crosses and with the patience coming from Christ Jesus Crucified, he embraces and turns them into an instrument for the conversion and the redemption of many hearts. One thing must the Christian not do: letting himself be deceived by his thoughts or by the thoughts of the other men. May the Mother of God never let the thought of man devour us.**