**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26 – XXXIV WEEK [C]**

**Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.**

**What is the Father worth to Jesus? His entire life, consecrated to Him until the death of cross. The Father is worth an entire eternity of obedience to exalt, magnify, celebrate his glory. For the glory of his Father, Jesus humbled himself, let himself be even physically undressed, annihilating himself, letting himself be nailed on the wood. Before the glory of his Father, everything was sacrificed, everything became minor, not important. This was his life on our earth. Observing Christ Jesus Crucified, the entire world can know how great his love for his Father was. First the obedience to the Father, then every other thing. It is not about renunciation, but about choice. Christ the Lord has chosen only the Father. Every other person and every other thing are needed to Him to love the Father with a unique and indissoluble love. He loves every other person according to the will of the Father. But also he uses every other thing according to the most pure truth placed in it by the Father. Everything from the Father, through the Father, in the Father, with the Father. This is Christ Jesus. Whoever wants to follow Christ Jesus, whoever wants to be his disciple, must choose Christ Jesus in the same way as Jesus has chosen the Father. It is not about renunciation, but about choice. Whoever chooses a way to follow must leave all the other ones. Whoever wanted to follow many ways would not reach any place. Therefore, whoever has chosen to follow Christ Jesus cannot choose to follow other people and he cannot attach the heart to things, either. Whoever follows Jesus is like a traveller who is on a high-speed train. This one goes through history and time passing from a vision to another one in a tenth of second. Neither can he attach the eye on a thing that other thousands follow with such a quickness that nothing remains neither in the heart nor in the mind. In the Book of Job it is said that: “Our days on earth are but a shadow” (Gb 8,9). As the shadow passes inexorably and no one can stop it, so also our life slips toward eternity. Whoever wants to follow Christ Jesus must leave the entire world and follow Him fast. Saint Paul reveals to us that he does not go behind Jesus. He runs after Him: “More than that, I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and (the) sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ (Jesus). Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.” (Phil 3,8-14). Whoever runs cannot be attach to anything, neither to the soil he tramples. Whoever runs is undress of everything that burdens him. He wears the strict necessary. No burden delays him. No person can keep him. He runs. He cannot attach his heart to anything. He runs. He continues his pursuit toward the goal and the goal is Christ the Lord. Whoever runs needs the soil only to put his foot for a moment. Neither can the dust be attached to his feet, as it is eliminated between a step and another one, as other dust is attached, but to be abandoned along the way, as well.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 21,34-36**

**"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."**

**Instead, if the Christian burdens his heart with carousing and drunkenness and anxieties of daily life, he can no longer follow Christ, the world will consume him, vices will devour him, the transgressions of the Law of the Lord will consume him. When one stops following Christ, one is affectionate to everything, one is attached to everything, nothing is left. Jesus is put on the last place, in some remote corner of our heart or of our mind. We remember Him only when some serious necessity make us rely on Him to ask for some grace. But then everything comes back as before. Christ is not the heart of our heart and the life of our life. Instead, He wants to be the Everything for us. Nothing can be compared to Him and no person will have to take his place in our heart and in our mind. Only Christ Jesus is the truth that makes us free. He alone is the divine and eternal richness that is given to the one who does not let his heart be conquered by the vain and useless things of earth. When He comes and He will not find us clothed with his richness, for us there will be no place in the kingdom of heaven. The attachment to the things of earth will make us poor and miserable for eternity. Here is why we must continue our pursuit toward Christ Jesus without attaching the heart to anything. Mother of God, ensure that we never interrupt the pursuit toward Jesus the Lord. We shall enter the eternal life.**