**FRIDAY 27 – III WEEK O.T. [A]**

**"This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."**

**The two words about the kingdom of God are filled with hope for all the sowers of the Gospel on our earth. There is a condition to observe, though. If this condition is not observed, the seed thrown by us will never bear one only fruit of eternal life. Here is the condition both for the first parable and the second. The seed one throws in the soil must be intact, sound, not internally devoured by harmful insects, with the sprout of life intact. If one sows a seed devoured by the insects, or a fragmented or broken or not perfectly intact seed, the stem will never sprout from it and it will never turn into a plant with much fruit. A farmer goes to his field and sows a quintal of good grain. For sure, the gathering will be abundant for him. He has sowed good grain. Another farmer first mills his quintal of grain and then he goes and sows the flour in his fields. From this sowing, not even a grass blade will sprout and his whole effort is useless and wasted. Let us go to the Christian today. What is he sowing in the soil of the world and, unfortunately, also in the soil of the Church? He is not even soil flour, but only grains of sand. He is only sowing lies and falsities. He is spreading the sand of the thought of the world in the hearts making it pass as most pure truth of God. To succeed in this work of destruction of the revealed truth, he is milling and reducing the entire Divine Scripture into dust and then he gives this dust to souls to drink it, making it pass as most pure revealed truth. The Divine Scripture milled and reduced to dust will never lead one only man to salvation. From salvation, it leads him back to the kingdom of darkness and of death.**

**Also the second parable, that of the mustard seed, is rich in hope for us. This time, however, the good seed is the disciple of Jesus. If he is the good seed of the Gospel, good seed of truth, good seed of obedience, good seed of faith, good seed of true morality, good seed of perfect exemplarity, his plant will certainly grow and in growing it will attract many other souls and many other hearts to the Gospel and to Christ. Here is the rule of the Apostle Paul so that every disciple of Christ Jesus may be and always remain good seed of the Gospel: “We cause no one to stumble in anything, in order that no fault may be found with our ministry; on the contrary, in everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God, through much endurance, in afflictions, hardships, constraints, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, vigils, fasts; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, in a holy spirit, in unfeigned love, in truthful speech, in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness at the right and at the left; through glory and dishonor, insult and praise. We are treated as deceivers and yet are truthful; as unrecognized and yet acknowledged; as dying and behold we live; as chastised and yet not put to death; as sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet possessing all things.” (2Cor 6,3-10). A person who lives with these feelings in the heart that are of most pure Gospel is certainly a good, better a great plant. Through it, many hearts will be attracted to Christ Jesus. Here is where the secret of our evangelizing mission is: in being, we, good plant in Christ Jesus.**

**Let us read the text of Mk 4,26-34**

**He said, "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.**

**Today the Christian does not show up to the world as a good seed in Christ Jesus. Rather, he often reveals to be a more wicked plant than the other plants because of the great immorality in which his life flows. Today many ones have come to the perfect and total amorality. If one wanted to speak about immorality, he neither could, since today one can do any act as it is deprived of its intrinsic essence of good and of evil. Declaring every act amoral, one can do everything. Today one has even come to declare many immoralities and many intrinsically wicked acts right by law and intrinsically wicked is everything destroying the eternal truth in image of which the Lord our God has made man. But also the true God is declared no longer Lord of man by human law today. Man is lord of himself and he can rule his life as he pleases. The Christian follows such law too. May the Mother of God deliver us from this sin.**