**15 AUGUST 2021 – XX WEEK O.T. [B]**

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.**

**The Lord is great. Mary wants to proclaim his greatness so that the entire world knows it. Not only is God great for creation. He is also great for salvation, redemption, sanctification. If God were great only for creation, all men would be damned in eternity. The true greatness of God is his salvation. God is great for omnipotence, mercy, love, piety, redemption, salvation, justification, justice, eternal life. He is indivisible greatness. If one of this greatness is taken away, abolished, God is no longer great. Today our God has been deprived of the redemption and of justice. He is no longer the great God. He is a God who is no longer the true God. Every time, when one makes of the true God a non-true God, one makes of the true man a non-true man. From the true God is the true man. From the false God is the false man. Since only the God who is the Father of Christ Jesus is the true God, the true man is only from Him. A non-true God might never make the true man. Man was created only by the true God and only the true God can make him true. He alone knows how to make him a true man, after man decided to make himself a non- true man. It is undeniable truth in eternity. Why is God supremely great? Because he made Her, Mary, since the first moment of her conceiving, when She did not even exist, since she was not even conceived – this is the true humility – full of grace, immaculate, most holy. It was God who made Her most pure creature, not even touched by the sin of Adam. It was God who elevated her as a Mother of his Son. She, like clay – this is her humility – was chosen to be the Mother of the Most High. All generations will see her greatness that in Her is only gift of God, his work, and they will call her blessed. Blessed since she was chosen. Blessed since She was made Mother of God. Blessed since she became Mother of Christ of God, of the Saviour. It is evident that this prophecy is fulfilled inside the true faith in God.**

**The greatness of Mary must be contemplated by the most pure and holy faith. The more one grows in faith and the more one sees the beauty of Mary. The less one grows and the less one sees it. The fact that many Christians do no longer call the Mother of God blessed is a bad sign. It is sign that their faith is no longer pure, true, integrate, holy. Do you want to know the degree of your faith? Measure it with your faith in the Mother of the Saviour. Whoever does not have Mary as his Mother does not have Christ Jesus as his true brother and he not even has God, as his true Father. He does not live neither in the Spirit nor in the Church. Mary measures the greatness of God from the greatness created by Him in Her. He made Her immaculate, most pure, most holy since her conceiving. He made her full of grace. He chose Her as his true temple among men. He wanted Her to be the Mother of his eternal Son. He made Her Virgin and Mother together, Mother always virgin. He wanted Her as tabernacle of his divine beauty. He adorned Her with every virtue. He placed Her under the wings of the Spirit. The holiness of God the gratuity of his love, of his mercy toward Her. Mary did nothing to deserve all of this. She was wanted that way before her own generation. Even if God wanted, he could not make another Mary.**

**Let us read the text of LK 1,39-56**

**During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.**

**After having sung the greatness the Lord created in Her, now Mary sings the truth of her God and Lord: “His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him.” Who fears the Lord? The one who fears the Lord is whoever believes in his Word, in his Commandments, in his Law and gives his full, perennial, perfect obedience. When a man obeys his Lord, his blessing is all poured upon him. Today we abolished the fear of the Lord. We want, in name of man, against the Lord and his holy dispositions, a relationship with no obedience to the Law, to the Gospel. A religion without the fear of the Lord. For all those who do not fear the Lord, those who disobey his Law, the Lord gives the mercy of the grace of conversion. If this mercy is refused, there will be the judgement and the exclusion from the Paradise. The arm of the Lord is his truth and his eternal and unappealable judgement. God came, judged the arrogant and dispersed them in the thoughts of their heart. It means that the thoughts of the arrogant are their own jail, in which they imprison themselves, then coming to the prison of the eternal perdition. This because there is no fear of God in their life. They live with no Law. Every wisdom comes from God. The arrogant is the one who refuses the Law of the Lord as his first wisdom and rule of wisdom. Refusing the wisdom, he wraps himself in the hedge of his foolishness. The Lord disperses him so that he converts himself.**

**Who are the powerful? Those who declare they do not need God. They suffice themselves. They do not need any God above them. Instead, the humble are those who recognize their nothing and invoke God as their strength and life. The powerful are reversed from the thrones. Their foolishness and ignorance make them blind. They carry out actions that are their ruin. The powerful destroys himself for his own works. He destroys himself as he refuses the light of his Lord. Instead, the humble always need their God and Lord. Needing him, they invoke him and God always rescues them with his wisdom and every other grace. Wisdom and grace make man great. They raise him to divine highness. The hungry is the one who is hungry of his God, hungry of obedience, of true adoration, hungry of truth, holiness, mercy, compassion, wisdom. The Lord always fills with his goodness whoever asks for them with true hunger and true thirst. Rich is the one who only trusts himself. Since man is nothing without God, he is an empty jar, he is empty and he will remain empty. Whoever does not want to be rescued, helped, cured, healed, regenerated cannot be filled with God. The Lord can nothing for those who do not want, rather refuse that He takes their life in his hand and leads it on the way of Truth and justice, of wisdom and peace. God always respects the will of his creature. God promised that in the descendants of Abraham he would have blessed all the nations of earth and his day has come. The uprising of Abraham is the Son of the Most High the Virgin Mary takes into her womb. In this context, the mercy is the will of universal salvation of our God. Salvation is in Christ Jesus. It is given for the faith in his name. There is no other name given to men under this heaven in which it is established that we may be saved. The name is only one: that of Jesus the Nazarene. The faith in Him is necessary. Shame that today one preaches, also in the Catholic faith, a salvation without Christ. One annuls two thousand years of waiting of salvation this way. But also two thousand years of salvation preached in Christ. May the Mother of God, in this most holy day, lend her heart. We, too, want to magnify the Lord for the great things operated in our life. He has redeemed and saved us in Christ. He has fulfilled us with Holy Spirit.**