**THURSDAY 10 JUNE – X WEEK O.T. [B]**

**I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

**The justice of scribes and Pharisees is not the doctrine taught by them at those times and not even their tradition, capable to elude the entire Word or the Commandment of the Lord. It is instead the Law of Moses, all the Law of Moses contained in the books of Exodus, of Leviticus, Of Numbers, of Deuteronomy. Widening the concept: the justice of scribes and Pharisees is the revelation of all the Old Testament.**

**To enter the reign of heaven it is urgent to pass from Moses to Christ, from the God of Fathers who is Father of the Lord our Christ Jesus. This is the overcoming. We are called to entirely pass into the New one. Here is how this passage is called by Christ Jesus in the Gospel according to John: Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal."**

**So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. But I told you that although you have seen (me), you do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it (on) the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him (on) the last day." (Jn 6, 26-40) From the manna to Eucharist, from Law to the Spirit, to grace, eternal life, light.**

**The justice of God through which one must pass is Christ Jesus. Thus the Apostle Paul to Corinthians: The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the learning of the learned I will set aside."Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish? For since in the wisdom of God the world did not come to know God through wisdom, it was the will of God through the foolishness of the proclamation to save those who have faith. For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.**

**Consider your own calling, brothers. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord." (1Cor 1, 18-31) The hardest passage to operate is that of the glory to the cross. The cross of Christ Jesus is the highest justice. There is no superior justice. It is on the cross indeed that Jesus manifests the entire truth of his Father and to that he bears witness. To his Father he obeys until death. There is no higher or superior justice than this one: giving the Father one’s own life in sacrifice for the redemption of the world.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 5, 20-26**

**I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you, whoever is angry****[18](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0839/__PVE.HTM%22%20%5Cl%20%22%242X8) with his brother will be liable to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court with him. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.**

**The first overcoming consists in establishing with the neighbour a relation of most pure love: love in works, love in thoughts, love in desires. Where does the supernatural fundament of this love dwell? In Christ Jesus’s heart, raised by the Father as gift of salvation and redemption for all the humankind. Now, if Christ the Lord has been sent to give life to every man, he cannot have toward him anything else except thoughts and words of most pure and only love. He cannot have anything else except thoughts of peace, consolation, hope, light, revelation, justice, compassion, forgiveness, mercy, comprehension. Never might he have one only word of deceit, offence, envy, pride, lust, concupiscence, greed, insult, denigration. He will have to see man, every man, as his Father. As the Father sees every man: one to whom the invitation to abandon the reign of darkness to enter the reign of light is to be done.**

**Made the invitation, whoever refuses it will take eternal responsibility of the non-acceptance of the reign of God. Whoever accepts the invitation will have to care about living as true reign of God, without ever leaving it. In the reign of God every word must be of light, love, forgiveness, hope, consolation, peace, reconciliation, offer of forgiveness to the person by whom we have been offended. It is necessary to give the word of reconciliation and the offer of peace with men if we want the Lord to be prayed and invoked by us.**

**God will never hear our cry raised to Him and he will never appreciate our offers brought on the altar of his sacred temple, unless we have first offered our brothers the word of reconciliation and peace. There is no “Christianity” of hate, deceit, insult, offence, denigration, calumny, wicked word toward those who, like us, as true body of Christ, we are called to save offering the Father, in Christ, our life. It exists, on the contrary, the Christianity of reconciliation, of peace, of consolation, of hope, of the offer of forgiveness, of the gift of our life for the conversion of hearts. Whoever does not find himself in the true Christianity cannot approach the Eucharist that is body offered for the remission of sins, the sacrifice for the reconciliation of every man with God. The Eucharist is the sacrament requiring the reconciliation with the entire world before being able to approach it. This is the justice Jesus asks for. Celebrating the Eucharist with the disdain in the heart is great sacrilege.**

**Mother of God, woman of forgiveness and peace, consolation and love, great hope, make that each of your son may always reconcile with the other children of yours, before approaching the sacrament sealing the perfect communion with God and the other men. Amen**