**TUESDAY AUGUST 16 – XX WEEK O. T [C]**

**Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Amen, I say to you, it will be hard for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."**

**Rich is the one who substitutes the true God and Lord, the Almighty Creator of heaven and of earth, the One who governs every moment of our life, with himself or with the things of this world, which he make his life depend on. This man who refuses the invitation of Jesus is rich for he has handed himself over to his possessions. Today neither for us is God the Lord of our life. Today we possess much science, much technology, much knowledge to modify the matter as we please. If we, though, imitating this rich man, asked ourselves: “What do I still lack?”, the reply should be only one: “We lack the true man, the true humanity, the truth of science, of technology, of knowledge.” Asking ourselves a further question: “Why do we lack the true man, the true humanity, the truth of science, of technology, of knowledge?” Here is the reply: “We lack all of that for we lack the truth of Christ Jesus.” Who is Christ Jesus, then? The One the Father has made source, spring, principle of every truth: truth of heaven and earth, truth of time and of eternity, true of man and of things, but also his mystery, also truth of his ministries, truth of every other existing realities in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible reality. Why does Christ Jesus lack in man? Christ Jesus lacks in man for the faithful in Christ Jesus sent into the world to give Christ Jesus truth and grace to every man, today are ashamed of Him. Why are they ashamed of Him? Because Christ Jesus is the only sign of contradiction so that the thoughts of hearts are unveiled. Today the Christian has decided to be as all the other men. Adulterer with adulterers. Robber with robbers. Murderer with murderers. Liar and deceiver with liars and deceivers. Idolater with idolaters. Arrogant with the arrogant. Darkness with darkness. One takes away Christ Jesus from our sight because only without Him one can be as the others. With Christ Jesus in the heart, one must necessarily be not as the others. One is not for one takes the form of Christ.**

**Today the Father lacks Christ Jesus. We worship a God without Christ. The Holy Spirit lacks Christ Jesus. We invoke a Holy Spirit without holiness and without truth. The Church lacks Christ Jesus. We consume our energies for vanity and for foolishness, for we consume them for the falsity of man. Man lacks Christ Jesus. We abandon him to his sin, rather we force him to live in sin because of the falsity about the man that we teach. The creation lacks Christ Jesus. It is deprived of its true hope. Even eternity lacks Christ Jesus. It is without any distinction between good and evil, truth and falsity, righteousness and unrighteousness. Even Satan lacks Christ Jesus. From the truth of Christ Jesus one can know the falsity of Satan, his envy, his lie, his hate against man. Even animals lack Christ Jesus. From the truth of Christ Jesus one can know the substantial difference between a man and an animal, between a man called to bring the image of Christ in his entire being and the animal that was created by God and that remains animal until it lives, not having an immortal soul. Lacking the Christian Christ Jesus, lacking his truth that is Christ, he looks all things from falsity and from lie so far. He even sees himself from falsity and from lie.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 19,23-30**

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**A blind distinguishes things by touch. The man without the truth of Christ Jesus cannot even use touch to separate one thing from another thing. Everything is a great falsity for the man without Christ. Falsity is maker of every idolatry. Idolatry creates the great immorality. Either we appropriate again of the truth of Christ – the only thing man lacks today and that deprives him of the truth of every other existing reality on earth and in heaven – or we will be condemned to the worship of falsity. Without Christ this will be the new religion of man: the worship of the beast of falsity, of lie, of the hate against God and against those who worship Christ Jesus in purity of truth. Worshippers either of Christ or of the beast. Here is why it will be hard for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. He lacks the necessary thing. May the Virgin Mary come and make us one only thing with Christ.**