**6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**Collect**

**O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

**1st. READING** (Jer 17, 5-8)

This is what Yahweh says, "Cursed is the man who trusts in human beings and depends on a mortal for his life, while his heart is drawn away from Yahweh! He is like a bunch of thistles in dry land, in parched desert places, in a salt land where no one lives and who never finds happiness. Blessed is the man who puts his trust in Yahweh and whose confidence is in him! He is like a tree planted by the water, sending out its roots towards the stream. He has no fear when the heat comes, his leaves are always green; the year of drought is no problem and he can always bear fruit.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Psalm 1)

Blessed is the one/who does not go where the wicked gather, /or stand in the way of sinners, /or sit where the scoffers sit! /Instead, he finds delight in the law of the Lord/and meditates day and night/on his commandments.

He is like a tree beside a brook

producing its fruit in due season,/its leaves never withering.

Everything he does is a success./But it is different with the wicked./They are like chaff/driven away by the wind./For the Lord knows the way of the righteous/but cuts off the way of the wicked.

**2nd. READING** (1Cor 15, 12.16-20)

Well, then, if Christ is preached as risen from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith gives you nothing, and you are still in sin. Also those who fall asleep in Christ are lost. If it is only for this life that we hope in Christ, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But no, Christ has been raised from the dead and he comes before all those who have fallen asleep.

**GOSPEL** (Lk 6, 17.20-26)

Coming down the hill with them, Jesus stood on a level place. Many of his disciples were there and a large crowd of people who had come from all parts of Judea and Jerusalem and from the coastal cities of Tyre and Sidon. Then lifting up his eyes to his disciples, Jesus said, "Fortunate are you who are poor, the kingdom of God is yours." Fortunate are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Fortunate are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Fortunate are you when people hate you, when they reject you and insult you and number you among criminals, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. Remember that is how the ancestors of this people treated the prophets. But alas for you who have wealth, for you have been comforted now. Alas for you who are full, for you will go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Alas for you when people speak well of you, for that is how the ancestors of these people treated the false prophets.

**Prayer over the Offerings**

**May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us**

**and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord.**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord.**