Saturday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (*Lk* 20:27-40): Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection... Jesus said to them, “The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called ‘Lord’ the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive...”

Final states of man (II): "Heaven"

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Today, we perceive a mistake in these interlocutors of Jesus, the Sadducees: they imagined eternal life as a mere "endless continuation" of their earthly life. No surprise they denied the Resurrection! But, we do not discover eternal life through the analysis of our own existence; the "I believe in the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting" is the result of believing in the living God.

Eternity is not simply "time without end", but another plane of existence, in which everything converges in the "here and now of love". The new quality of being that is liberated from the fragmentation of existence. It will be the moment to submerge ourselves in oceans of limitless Love, in which time —the before and after— no longer exist: this is Heaven, where "they all live for Him" A life we yearn to live forever!

—O Jesus, I await this time of life in its fullest sense, overwhelmed with joy, according to Your promise: "I will come back to see you and your heart will rejoice, and nobody will take away your joy".