Wednesday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (*Mk* 12:18-27): Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and put this question to him, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, If someone's brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first married a woman and died, leaving no descendants. So the second brother married her... Last of all the woman also died. At the resurrection when they arise whose wife will she be? For all seven had been married to her."

Jesus said to them, "Are you not misled because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? When they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven. As for the dead being raised, have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God told him, I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not God of the dead but of the living. You are greatly misled."

Heaven. The Sadducees' error about Resurrection

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Today, with a clear twisted purpose, the Sadducees become the victims of the clumsy inconsistency of their methodology. First, their improper use of the Scriptures: to find a foundation for their erroneous beliefs, they seek internal contradictions in God's Revelation. Secondly, they fall into the childish mistake to conceive Heaven with human images, subjecting its heavenly grandeur to earthly schemes.

In Christ ascended into Heaven, the human being has entered into intimacy with God in a new and unheard-of way; man henceforth finds room in God for ever. "Heaven": this word Heaven does not indicate a place above the stars but something far more daring and sublime: it indicates Christ himself, the divine Person who welcomes humanity fully and forever, the One in whom God and man are inseparably united forever.

—Man's being in God, this is Heaven. And we draw close to Heaven; indeed, we enter Heaven to the extent that we draw close to Jesus and enter into communion with him.