**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 01 – XXII WEEK O.T. [B]**

**But he said to them, "To the other towns also I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent." And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.**

**Jesus comes out of the synagogue and enters the house of Simon. Simon has not yet been called to be made catching men. Simon's mother-in-law was afflicted with a severe fever, and they interceded with him about her. Simon and the other saw what Jesus had done in the synagogue. Faith is also logical deduction. If Jesus has a Word of authority, surely the authority of his Word is not limited. If He can on one thing, he can on the other, too. If God has an omnipotent Word, if He was able to create the sun, he can also create the moon, the stars, every other thing. If from the nowhere he created man and He made him able to give life, if he made him able yesterday, He can make him able today. If Jesus could against the unclean spirit, He also can against fever. Faith will always have to use the logical process. The logical process makes faith living. By logics of faith, Jesus can free from fever. He can and they ask it to Him.**

**He stands over her, rebukes the fever, and it leaves her. “She got up immediately and waited on them.” That the healing occurred is attested by the history of the woman. She stands up and begins to serve Jesus and the ones who are in the house. This is the Word of authority of Jesus. There is no reality on earth, in heaven and underground, that does not obey his Word, his command, his will manifested by Him. The one who can avoid obeying is man alone, for the reason of his will. Man, until he is on earth, can refuse to obey. He can listen or not listen to his will. The will is essence of its nature. He should know, however, that listening is life and blessing. The non-listening is death. When, then, one enters the eternity, then there is no space for the exercise in choice. The listening or non-listening, the conversion or the non-conversion is over. Everyone will go to the place chosen by him: paradise or hell, eternal life or death. Today this anthropology created by God is denied by catholicity. One teaches that neither hell nor eternal perdition exists. After death, everyone will go to Paradise, regardless of their work. It is a great falsity.**

**The Sabbath day ended with the vespers. A new day began. For this reason, at sunset, all who had people sick with various diseases brought them to Jesus. On the Sabbath day, the sick people could not be brought. At those times, among the people of the Lord, the Sabbath day was of most strict observance. Every work was forbidden. Few were the things that one could do. He laid his hands on each of them and cured them. We shall see later that the Pharisees accused Jesus to violate the Sabbath, since He sometimes operated a healing with the Word alone. But Jesus, in his wisdom of Holy Spirit, always taught the truth of the Sabbath first. Jesus is a person of a great charity and mercy. But his love is never an end to itself. It is sign. It serves to manifest the presence of the Kingdom. Every healing of Jesus reveals that the Kingdom of God is among men. It is present. The Kingdom is announced by the means of the Word. It is made visible by the means of the signs operated by Jesus. This modality is valid for the disciples, too. They must proclaim the Kingdom with the Word of the Gospel and they must show it as present among men through their evangelic life. The Word must become life. Word and life are the truth for each other. The evangelic life attests that the Word is evangelic. The Word is evangelic if life is evangelic. If the Word is not evangelic, not even life is evangelic. The one certifies the other one. When life is not evangelic, not even the Word is evangelic. Word according to the world, life according to the world. Life according to the world, word according to the world. Everyone can know his status. It is enough to observe life.**

**Many sick people were possessed by demons. Jesus freed from them, too. They went out, but by crying out: “You are the Son of God!” This cry is hated by Jesus. It serves to cause a great damage to Him. His identity must remain hidden. Jesus does not want this to happen and He menaces them and does not let them speak. They know who Jesus is. Really, truly, essentially, Jesus is the Son of God, his Christ. He is the Christ according to the Father, not the Christ according to men. There is a great, infinite difference, between the Christ according to the Father and the Christ according to men. The Christ according to the Father is the Suffering Servant, the Crucified. The Christ according to men is the new King David. Nothing more. Seeing Christ with the eyes of the Father and seeing him with the eyes of the world is not the same thing. It was not the same thing yesterday and it is not even today. And, nevertheless, we continue to see Christ Jesus according to men and not according to the Father.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 4,38-44**

**After he left the synagogue, he entered the house of Simon. Simon's mother-in-law was afflicted with a severe fever, and they interceded with him about her. He stood over her, rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up immediately and waited on them. At sunset, all who had people sick with various diseases brought them to him. He laid his hands on each of them and cured them. And demons also came out from many, shouting, "You are the Son of God." But he rebuked them and did not allow them to speak because they knew that he was the Messiah. At daybreak, Jesus left and went to a deserted place. The crowds went looking for him, and when they came to him, they tried to prevent him from leaving them. But he said to them, "To the other towns also I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent." And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.**

**The sun has not risen yet. Jesus comes out of the house where he was and goes to a desert place. We know that Jesus seeks these places. He must put himself into prayer. His is a prayer of listening and for this reason, He needs silence. The prayer is not only to ask God that He listens to us. It is also putting ourselves before the Father to listen to Him. “Speak, oh Lord, your servant is listening to you.” Whoever knows how to listen to God knows how to pray. Whoever does not listen cannot pray. One prays to ask God to give us every strength to do his will. But one first asks God that He manifests his will. If the will of God is not known, it cannot even be done. One knows and one does and everything comes from God. The crowd seeks Him, they reach Him and try to hold Him so that He did not go away. We must think that Jesus has manifested his will to go to another place. But they do not want Him to go. However, the life of Jesus is not ruled by men. By no man. It is ruled by the Holy Spirit according to the will of the Father.**

**The crowd can even insist. But it is only temptation for Jesus. He must obey the Father. Jesus is firm in the obedience. "To the other towns also I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent." The mission of Jesus is to go from place to place to manifest the Kingdom of God. Jesus manifests the Kingdom of God with the power of the Word. It says the Truth of the Kingdom and also shows it. Saying the Kingdom and showing it are one only thing in Christ. Saying and showing the creation are one and the same thing in God. Manifested the Kingdom in a place, it is right that others, too, know the reality of the Kingdom. The one who knew the Kingdom is now obliged to live as true Kingdom of God and show the true Kingdom of God with his word and his works. The charity of Jesus is universal, for every man. Limiting the charity to one only person, a category of people, is not of the charity of the Father in Christ Jesus. The Church must preach and show the Kingdom of God to every man: sinner, saint, rich, poor, savant, acculturated, simple, not acculturated, man, woman, children, young, adults, elders. No one must be excluded. Idolising a category of people does not belong neither to the charity of the Father nor to the charity of Christ. It must not belong to the charity of the Church and consequently it must not even belong to the disciples of Jesus. Jesus does not let himself be tempted by anyone. He is always under obedience to the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. The sin of the world is the substitution of the Creator with the creature. From the belonging to God for creation to the belonging to Satan for insubordination, disobedience, transgression of the Command of the Lord. May the Mother of God help us. We want to edify the Kingdom of God on earth upon the model of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**