**TUESDAY AUGUST 02 – XVIII WEEK O.T. [C]**

**Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."**

**Who is Jesus? It is a question the Church, in its shepherds and in its faithful, must perennially pose to its spirit and, in the Holy Spirit, that today leads it to the whole truth, it must find the truest response. No one will have to consider the response of yesterday exhaustive. They were of yesterday. The mystery is not closed in the past, for the Holy Spirit is not closed in the mind of a man, whether one is a great Father, a great Theologian, a Wiseman, a great Thinker, a great Writer, a great Ascetic, a great Mystic. The New Testament attests us that Paul is not enough, James is not enough, Peter is not enough, the Gospel are not enough, the Revelation is not enough, the Letter to the Hebrews is not enough, no other writing is enough. The Holy Spirit is not prisoner of Paul, of Mark, Matthew, Luke, John, Peter, James, Judas. He is Freedom and to each one He gives a sparkle of Christ Jesus’s truth. Putting together all the sparkles offered by Him, one can catch a glimpse of the beauty of the Person of the Lord and of his mission. Imprisoning Christ in an author, in an era, in a time, in a philosophy, in a thought, in an image is impoverishing the mystery that is endless and eternal. Everyone must know that the truth of God and of man, of the things of earth and of heaven, of time and of eternity, of the present and of the future dwells only in Christ. One only erroneous light that one gives about Christ is mirrored on the entire mystery as a mistake.**

**In the Gospel, how does Jesus reveal who He really is in his Person, in his will, in his power? The lightness of his miracles and the simplicity with which they are performed make a great upheaval in hearts. They open the heart and the mind to the divine that is in Jesus. If we compare for one moment all the envoys of God of the Old Testament with Jesus, the superiority is endless, divine. Today it is mandatory that everyone ask: “Who is Jesus?” If the truth of Christ is eclipsed, even unnoticeably, in the heart and in the mind of one only Christian, the entire world suffers from this eclipse. If that there are millions and millions, also Catholic ones, in which the truth of Christ is eclipsed, we will understand why the world, the society, our civilization is precipitated in the moral chaos, affecting all the structures, from politics to economy, from family to school, from game to every other activity. Christ is the light illuminating all the existing reality. Anything undertaken by man on our earth can do without the light of Christ the Lord. Light is life. Without the life that Christ is, one undertakes things of death. Perhaps, are all the progresses of man – divorce, abortion, euthanasia, free love, de facto couples, same-sex couples – not progresses of death and not of life? No one can obscure the light of Christ the Lord. If it is quenched, man is quenched. However, if it is lighted up, man is lighted up. The light of Christ must be lighted up as always new. The Church needs it, each of its child, the entire world. Those who believe needs it so that its light becomes more authentic. Those who do not believe needs it so that one may let himself be enlightened by Christ and enter, if one wants it, the true life.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 14,22-36**

**Then he made the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once (Jesus) spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how (strong) the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God." After making the crossing, they came to land at Gennesaret. When the men of that place recognized him, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought to him all those who were sick and begged him that they might touch only the tassel on his cloak, and as many as touched it were healed.**

**Have we understood the mystery of Christ Jesus? Have we understood what great grace the Lord gave us? Do we know that, always, when one is before Jesus, even if we read his Gospel, we find ourselves before the Supernatural? It is not about a supernatural similar in all to that of the prophets and of every other man of God who preceded Jesus the Lord or who will come after Him. We find ourselves before the divine, eternal Supernatural. Supernatural who was made flesh and came dwelling among us filled with grace and with truth. To understand the Supernatural of Christ, one must become one only thing with Him and grow as his true body. Mother of God, help us. We want to have the perfect science about Jesus.**