**SATURDAY AUGUST 06 – XVIII O.T. [C]**

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**About eight days after he said this, he took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.**

**The white colour is sign of the candour and of the purity of the heavenly realities. Here are some examples taken from the Holy Scripture: “Suddenly, while they were still near Jerusalem, a horseman appeared at their head, clothed in white garments and brandishing gold weapons.” (2Mac 11, 8). “His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow.” (Mt 28, 3) “I looked, and there was a white horse, and its rider had a bow. He was given a crown, and he rode forth victorious to further his victories.” (Rev 6, 2). Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" (Rev 7, 13), Then I saw the heavens opened, and there was a white horse; its rider was (called) "Faithful and True." He judges and wages war in righteousness. (Rev 19, 11). The armies of heaven followed him, mounted on white horses and wearing clean white (Rev 19, 14). Next I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. (Rev 20, 11). “And saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been.” (Jn 20, 12). While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. (Act 1, 10). “However, you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; they will walk with me dressed in white, because they are worthy.” (Rev 3, 4). "The victor will thus be dressed in white, and I will never erase his name from the book of life but will acknowledge his name in the presence of my Father and of his angels.” (Rev 3, 5). “I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich, and white garments to put on so that your shameful nakedness may not be exposed, and buy ointment to smear on your eyes so that you may see.” (Rev 3, 18). The armies of heaven followed him, mounted on white horses and wearing clean white linen.” (Rev 19, 14). The garments of Jesus, on the mountain, do not become white, they become very white, sign that Jesus is of the same candour as God. Only God can have the candour of God. If Jesus has the same candour as God, He is truly God. Here is the first revelation made by Jesus on the Holy Mountain.**

**The second revelation is given by the presence of Moses and Elijah who are the Law and the Prophets. Law and Prophecy are with Christ Jesus. The Word of Jesus and that of the Law and of the Prophets are the same thing. There is no difference. Consequently, whoever does not believe in the Words of Jesus does not believe in the Law and in the Prophets. Those who not believe in the Law and the Prophets are the Apostles of the Lord. Their thoughts are still too much of men and little of God. Jesus has said it to Peter: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." (Mt 16,23) Jesus thinks according to the Scriptures, He thinks according to God. It is not Jesus who must follow Peter. It is Peter who must follow Jesus.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 9,28b-36**

**About eight days after he said this, he took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.**

**The third revelation is made by the Father. Jesus who is going to Jerusalem to be crucified, is the Son of the Father, his Chosen, his Messiah, his Christ! He must be listened. Once again it is not Jesus who must listen to Peter, but it is Peter and the others who must listen to Christ the Lord. Peter must always remember his profession of faith made in the synagogue of Capernaum: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." (Jn 6,68-69). Jesus always has words of eternal life, always. When He speaks of his crucifixion, He speaks with words of eternal words. Jesus, Moses, Elijah, the heavenly Father help the faith in Christ the Lord that is unstable in the Apostles. Now it is a righteous thing for us to ask: “What do we do to help the faith of our brothers, a faith that today is disappearing from many hearts?” One thing is certain: faith must be helped. The one who must help it is every disciple of Jesus toward every disciple of Jesus. If faith is helped, it is condemned to die in its purity, for it is turned into thoughts of earth for earth. Whoever wants to help the faith of his brothers must be, he, a person of true faith. We can help in the measure of the purity of our faith. An impure faith helps little. An inexistent faith can never help. Since for us it is an obligation to help the faith of every other brother, for us it is an obligation to grow from faith to faith, not only for oneself, but also for the entire body of Christ.**