**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 09 – XXIII WEEK O.T. [C]**

**"Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.**

**Whoever wants his words to be pure must have a pure heart. Whoever desires to utter words always in the Holy Spirit and in the highest truth must always be filled with Holy Spirit. If the heart is impure, the eyes are impure, the mind is impure, the thoughts are impure, the words are impure. Everything is impure for the one who lets his heart be impure. But when is a heart impure? When the grace and the light of the Lord do not dwell in it, for every transgression of the Commandments reigns in it and every vice has made his nest in it. Whoever wants his heart to be pure must observe the Word of Christ Jesus with full obedience. He must walk from virtue to virtue, always letting himself be moved and led by the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit sees a man through our eyes, whoever he is, He does not see him to judge him, condemn him, pontificating on him with irrevocable sentences of condemnation. He sees him in his spiritual misery for his conversion, his salvation, his redemption. He sees him for He wants to make him a true child of the Father in Christ Jesus. This cannot happen if our eyes are governed by our impure heart. When the impure heart governs us, then our eyes only see the evil of the others, they never see their vocation to salvation. But the eyes governed by the impurity of the heart do not even see our mission of disciples of Jesus. What is our mission? That of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ Jesus in the Holy Spirit inviting to the conversion to be saved. Whoever judges the brother judges him because the impure heart has made his mind impure and it has become incapable to manifest what the vocation of the Christian is moment by moment. Before the greatest sinner the Christian must always remember that he is sent to salve that man. He will say words of salvation if his heart is pure and the Holy Spirit speaks in him. Instead, he will say to him words of perdition and of condemnation if the sin dwells in him with the vices it produces. The Christian mission cannot be lived except by the one who has the pure heart and always keeps it in the greatest purity. The purity of the heart is not acquired once for all. Every day it is in danger of being lost. This is why it is necessary that one always grows in grace and in wisdom and that the Spirit of the Lord is enlivened in us. When the Christian lets the Spirit be quenched, the temptation immediately penetrates the thoughts, the will lets itself be conquered, one falls in the transgression of the Commandments, one becomes with the impure heart. Impure heart, impure mind, impure mouth. It is enough that the Christian says one only word and his heart will manifest itself both in its purity and in its impurity. If it is governed by the Holy Spirit, the word will be of light, mercy, conversion, forgiveness, peace, reconciliation, invitation in the Gospel. Instead, if it is governed by the sin and by the vices, his word will be an oracle of falsity, lie, judgement, condemnation, accusation, argument.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 6,39-42**

**And he told them a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.**

**Removing the wooden beam of our eye first is a command of the Lord. If our eye is in the spiritual and moral blindness, it becomes impossible to see the other according to truth. The one who is in the truth sees according to truth. The one who is in the mercy sees according to mercy. The one who lives the Gospel will see according to the Gospel. Instead, the one who is with the impure heart will always have an impure heart and he will always see with impure heart and he will also think with the impure mind. From what do we realize that our heart is impure? From the non-vision of the other according to truth. When we see that a person lives in the transgression of the Commandments of the Lord our God and we do not warn him so that he gets converted and lives, but we justify his sin appealing to the Gospel, then our heart is impure. We use the most pure truth of the Gospel to declare non-transgression what is transgression instead. Thus doing, we say to the entire world that the Commandment is no longer Commandment, the Gospel is no longer Gospel, the truth is no longer truth, the righteousness is no longer righteousness, the wickedness is no longer wickedness. This declaration attests that our mind is impure. If the mind is impure, the heart is impure, the word coming out of our mouth is impure. When we do not distinguish the light from the darkness, the Word of Christ the Lord from the word of men, it is sign that our eyes are impure. Impure eyes, impure evaluation, impure discernment. Seeing a person with the impure eyes of the flesh and seeing him with the pure eyes of the Holy Spirit is not the same thing. With the impure eyes of the flesh one justifies the sin and lets it be able to lead to the eternal death. Holy Mother, make us with a pure heart. We will be with the pure eyes.**