**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24 – XXV WEEK O.T. [C]**

**The Son of Man is to be handed over to men." But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was hidden from them so that they should not understand it, and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.**

**Here is the great, immense, supernatural mercy of Christ Jesus: “letting oneself be handed over to the hands of men. Letting oneself be crucified by them for the redemption of the world.” Here is why one must say that the true, effective, saving mercy of Jesus are not his miracles and neither his preaching. Miracles and preaching do not cancel the sin of the world. Even Moses, Elijah, Elisha performed mighty deeds, but they did not deliver the world from sin, from death. Concerning the Word of the Lord, Isaiah, Jeremy, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Amos and many other prophets and hagiographers have brought the revelation of God to the thresholds of the New Testament. However, none of them has redeemed the world from his faults, from his sin. What is then the perfect mercy of Christ the Lord? That of letting himself be handed over to the hands of men, making his life a gift to the Father though, becoming for Him true holocaust of obedience until the death of cross. What is the sin of humanity? That of taking one’s own life and of living it according to one’s own will, in the greatest disobedience to the will of his Creator and Lord. What is the cause of the liberation from sin and from death put in place by Christ Jesus? Always having handed over Himself, in all things, to the will of the Father. Having given Him his life, entirely and always. Having loved Him denying, annihilating himself. This is the gift through which we are saved. Jesus has never been from himself, never from humanity, never from Satan, never from the creatures. He has always and only been of the Father, sealing the gift with the most atrocious death, He, God, Son of God, Incarnated, made true man, to deliver man from the slavery of Satan. Jesus has not come to deliver man from his poorness, from his sufferings, illness. Neither from the physical death, has He come to deliver him. He has taken everything that is human, every suffering, poorness, pain, incomprehension. He has taken upon him all the consequences of the sin of the world. The sin of the world has captured, judged, rejected, excluded him, brought him out of the town, nailed him on a cross, lifted him up, made him an entertainment for the world. In the sin, He has only loved. In the sin he has never committed any sin. In the sin, He has always been from the Father, never from man and from his desires to descend from the cross, to deliver himself from it, to get rid of it even through the miracle. Through his obedience, he has become salvation for all those who obey Him. What must the one who wants the salvation obey? The Gospel of Christ Jesus. Each one and everybody must know – Christians and not Christians, disciples and not disciples – that the Gospel is a most holy thing. Before being uttered, each of its Word has been washed in the blood of Christ the Lord. By it was it purified from every thought, feeling, desire, will of this or that evangelist. It is Word that must always remained immersed in the blood of Jesus Crucified, if one wants it to be Gospel, eternal Word of the Redeemer, and not a mix of human aspirations. How does the Gospel remain immersed in the blood of Christ the Saviour? Adding every disciple of Jesus his own blood, washing every Word in his blood and turning it into obedience as the obedience of Jesus was, until death and until a death of the cross.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 9,43b-45**

**While they were all amazed at his every deed, he said to his disciples, "Pay attention to what I am telling you. The Son of Man is to be handed over to men." But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was hidden from them so that they should not understand it, and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.**

**Today the Gospel reveals us that Jesus is the only one who sees in the fullness of the Spirit. All the other ones, in little or in much, see from the flesh. Even the Apostles still see from the flesh. In fact, they do not understand the words of Jesus. Not only does what Jesus say remain a mysterious word for them, so mysterious not to catch the sense. Moreover, they are also afraid to ask to receive the light about this saying. The difference of vision and of understanding is difference of Holy Spirit. Jesus is filled with Holy Spirit and, what is more, He grows in wisdom and in grace every day. He sees everthing from the most pure wisdom and intelligence, science and counsel that are of the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Spirit of the Lord in Him is most perfect, his vision is most perfect, his Word is most perfect and his obedience to every Word that He manifests in his life is most perfect. The Apostles have not received the Holy Spirit yet, and they see everything with the eyes of earth and they understand with the mind of earth. Today do we not read the Gospel with the eyes of earth? Do we not understand it with a mind of earth? This means nothing but that we are poor of Holy Spirit, too. The poorness of the Apostles is not sinful for they had not received the Holy Spirit yet. Our purity is extremely sinful because we has received the Spirit and we have hidden Him under a stone. If we do not dig out the Holy Spirit and we do not make Him become life of our life, we will always read the Gospel with the eyes of earth and we will understand it with a mind of earth, too. May the Virgin Mary help us in this work.**