**MONDAY JULY 05 – XIV WEEK O.T. [B]**

**While he was saying these things to them, an official came forward, knelt down before him, and said, "My daughter has just died. But come, lay your hand on her, and she will live.”**

**What pervades the heart and fills it with wonder is seeing the ease and lightness with which miracles occur with Jesus. It is enough to read what happened with Elijah and, suddenly, the difference appears in all its full extent: “Some time later the son of the mistress of the house fell sick, and his sickness grew more severe until he stopped breathing. So she said to Elijah, "Why have you done this to me, O man of God? Have you come to me to call attention to my guilt and to kill my son?" "Give me your son," Elijah said to her. Taking him from her lap, he carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. He called out to the LORD: "O LORD, my God, will you afflict even the widow with whom I am staying by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself out upon the child three times and called out to the LORD: "O LORD, my God, let the life breath return to the body of this child." The LORD heard the prayer of Elijah; the life breath returned to the child's body and he revived. Taking the child, Elijah brought him down into the house from the upper room and gave him to his mother. "See!" Elijah said to her, "your son is alive." "Now indeed I know that you you are a man of God," the woman replied to Elijah. "The word of the LORD comes truly from your mouth." (1Kg 17, 17-24)**

**Comparing the two events of resurrection should reveal us the superior difference between Elijah and Christ Jesus. Elijah is only a man of God. Instead, Jesus is the Son of God who made himself flesh and in Him, in his humanity, God operates with all his divine Omnipotence. Jesus is the Omnipotence made flesh. But even before, He is the Word that is with God in the beginning, that is God, the Son of God, the one through whom all things were made and without him nothing was made that has been made. This truth also reveals the superior difference that reigns between Jesus and every other man. Every other man has been created through Him and, because of the disobedience of Adam, he lies in death or shattering of his being, of his nature. Instead Jesus is not only the One through whom man has been created, he is also the One through whom the Father, by eternal and universal decree, established that he is redeemed, saved, justified, sanctified. Thousands of men are around Christ Jesus. The woman touches Jesus only, touching his cloak. As soon as the cloak is touched, suddenly the flow of blood is stopped. She is finally healed. Many are the people who touch the little child who lies dead, but only Jesus gives her life back. Here is the difference between Jesus and the others. Today many people declare themselves saviours of men. Declaring saviours or redeemers does not mean to be redeemers or saviours, since only one is Saviour and Redeemer: Christ Jesus. The declaration is not a change of nature, it is not a transformation of the human nature into divine nature and it does not make a man of earth a man of heaven or a man of God, either. This rule is also valid for every law that man gives to himself. Man can give to himself all the rules he wants. Only Christ Jesus transforms nature. In fact, the laws of medicine have not changed the nature of the woman. Only the omnipotence of Christ Jesus changes the insane nature into sane nature.**

**Today man, in his pride and spiritual arrogance, made himself a God, not only a God of himself, but a God of every other man. He may even declare himself God, he may even establish as law that there is no other God, since man is God of himself. He may do it, but for pride and for renouncement to every sane rationality. However, he might never turn his nature of death into nature of life, his nature of vice into nature of virtue, his nature of evil into nature of good. Today the Gospel offered to our meditation says to us that only God turns the illness into healing and death into life. No one else can. It would be enough for man to have the humility of the woman and to go to Christ Jesus, touch the tassel of his cloak and he would get his healing. This does not mean to renounce to science. It means to remove science from the pride of being the new God of man and give it its humility of help, of help only. Science, too, needs God, who is the Author of science, so that it is of help and relief for every man.**

**It is also necessary that every man is clothed with the same humility of Jairus and goes to Jesus and prays him so that he comes to give life to his humanity lying in the death of sin. But until man believes to be God of himself, he will never go to Christ Jesus. However, if he does not rely on him, illness will remain illness and death will always remain death. Without changing his nature of sin and vice into nature of grace and virtue, man will always be a creator of illness and death for himself and each of his brother. But today man has renounced to his true humanity since he has decided to be clothed with divinity. No one can make himself God by will. Not even the true God made himself God by will. God does not make himself. God is eternal. He is eternal since he is without beginning and without end. He is God since ever and forever. Jesus says about man that he has not even the power of rendering one only hair of his head white or black and he may not add one only hour to his life, either. The Book of Wisdom says about him that he is a being who received the breath borrowed. In one instant, he is in time. An instant later, he is in eternity. This is the glory of man, the revelation says: it is like grass on the roof. In the morning it is flourishing. In the evening, it is dried. This is the nature of man. Yet, the Psalm says that man is the most sublime creature. The Lord made him slightly less than Angels. Man, however, remains sublime creature as far as he remains in God; he leaves God, he makes himself creature of death, generator, in his turn, of other infinite deaths.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 9,19-26**

**While he was saying these things to them, an official came forward, knelt down before him, and said, "My daughter has just died. But come, lay your hand on her, and she will live." Jesus rose and followed him, and so did his disciples. A woman suffering hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the tassel on his cloak. She said to herself, "If only I can touch his cloak, I shall be cured." Jesus turned around and saw her, and said, "Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you." And from that hour the woman was cured. When Jesus arrived at the official's house and saw the flute players and the crowd who were making a commotion, he said, "Go away! The girl is not dead but sleeping." And they ridiculed him. When the crowd was put out, he came and took her by the hand, and the little girl arose. And news of this spread throughout all that land.**

**Faith turns our history of death into history of life, our history of failure into history of true hope, the history of slavery in the instincts of the sin into history of great freedom from every evil. Which faith turns substantially our history? Only the faith in Christ Jesus. All the other faiths turn it into things that are thought and invented, but remaining, we, in our nature. Only grace changes nature and grace has one only source: Christ Jesus given to us by the Father as our Saviour and Redeemer, Source of grace and truth, Principle of light and eternal life. Here is why nothing is more necessary to man than Christ.**

**Here is again, why today the greatest damage we are harming to man is having deprived him of Christ Jesus. Actually Christ Jesus has remained but without the fullness of his truth and of his grace. Today Christ Jesus, as the Father, as the Holy Spirit, have been reduced to mere idols, since they are stripped of their most pure truth. But depriving and stripping Christ means that the woman will remain in her incurable illness forever and that Jairus’s daughter will lie in the death forever. Being both the ill woman and Jairus’s daughter figures of the entire humankind, removing Christ from the Church and from the world in his most pure truth, giving a false Christ to the world, means to condemn every man to illness and death. Without Christ never might it be true hope for man, not true hope just for the Christian, but true hope for man. Will a man being in his illness be ever able of writing treatises of life? Will a man lying in death be able of formulating laws of resurrection? Mother of God, help us to restore Christ according to his most pure truth in the heart of the Church and of the world.**