

Today marks the beginning of the second week of our journey with Christ. Today Christ is revealed through his transfiguration as the Son of God. The only thing that God demands from us is that we listen to him. If we listen to Christ, we shall be successful in our journey with him this season.

In our first reading from Genesis, Abraham was put to test and he remained faithful to God. The command to Abraham to offer his only son prefigures how God would later offer his own son for our salvation. God prevented the sacrifice of Isaac, because Abraham's faith was firm.

What do we learn from Abraham today? The first is that he was attentive to the word of God and obeyed God's command. The second is his trust in God. The third is his generosity towards God. This is a season to pause, and to ask God: "Please Lord, what must I do to please you? The answer is simple. We must be ready to listen to God and to do what he asks us to do, just as Abraham did.

Our second reading is very encouraging because it is full of hope. Paul offers us three assurances: There is no opposition; there is no condemnation; and there is no separation. This is because God graciously gave His Son for us. Jn3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son".

This means that, God is ready to do anything good to save us. All that we need to do is to continue to listen to Christ attentively.

Today's gospel from Mark, presents the scene of the transfiguration of Jesus. He manifests his glory to three of his disciples. The transfiguration reflects the divinity of Jesus. Like the second reading, today's gospel is a message of hope. Here God spoke eloquently and confirms the Lordship of Jesus Christ, "This is my beloved Son." However, God demands only one thing from us: "Listen to him!"

My dear brothers and sisters, listening to Christ means transforming our lives and changing our ways. It means living according to the word of God we hear every day. Listening to Jesus means obeying His will and following what the Church teaches. This is the true message of hope.