

Lectio for Mass on Thursday Sep 20 2018

“If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner.”

Who makes this affirmation? The Pharisee who had invited Jesus to dine with him, which means to be in Communion with Jesus.

The Pharisee has a preconceived idea about the notion of the word “Prophet.” For the Pharisee to be a prophet includes the fact to say something about the morality of people and their behavior. In the mind of Jesus, in his heart, to be a prophet includes to live faithfully “agape,” which means to love to everyone, at every moment, with the same generosity that Jesus has loved us and this love is the central content of the Kerygma announced by the apostles including Paul in today’s first reading:

“That Christ died for our sins... he was buried... he was raised on the third day...” and the reason for this mystery is a love which is sincere, generous, and universal. However, Paul reminds us that “by the grace of God I am what I am.”

Being a prophet is possible throughout our dedication to be in communion with Jesus, He is the only one who can transform us and then we can announce the power of his grace to the world based upon our experience of his loving care for us. Every Christian person is constituted prophet in the sacrament of baptism. It includes the reference to having been saved, transformed, we are not prophets to transmit ideas, or statements; we are prophets because we have been or want to be transformed for his “Charis” (Grace).

Is it clear that God has saved me? Is it clear that God has saved me?

Is it clear that God has called me to be witness of what he has done within me? or Do I think that I have been called by God only to repeat, to repeat one and one more time a message without implications?