

Fr. Romeo Evangelista Homily
Weekday Mass – Tuesday, July 28, 2020
Cycle A

Two men were walking along a crowded city sidewalk. Suddenly, one of the men remarked, “Listen to that lovely sound of the cricket”. But the other man could not hear the sound. So he asked his friend how he could hear the sound of a cricket amidst the roar of the traffic and the sound of the people around. Well, the first man, who was a zoologist, had trained himself to hear the sounds of nature.

He did not explain to his friend in words how he could hear the sound of the cricket, but instead, he reached into his pocket, pulled out a coin. He dropped the coin onto the sidewalk and watched intently as a dozen people began to look for the coin as they heard it clanking around amidst the sounds of the traffic and the sounds of the city. He turned to his friend and said, “We hear what we listen for”.

Not only must we, Christians, have “ears to hear”, but we must learn what to listen for. We have to honestly examine ourselves and ask: Do we hear the voice of the Lord Jesus? Have we trained ourselves to hear the voice of the Lord amidst the noise and distractions of our daily life? Do we hear His voice in the depths of our conscience, in the pages of the Bible and teachings of the Church, and in the events and circumstances of our life?

But I think the more basic question is: Do we really want to hear His voice? Maybe that is the problem with us sometimes. We hear everything else but Jesus. If we do not hear His voice, then probably we are not following Jesus, who says, “My sheep hear My voice; I know them, and they follow Me”.

Amen