

Fr. Romeo Evangelista Homily
Weekday Mass – Thursday, March 18, 2021
Cycle B

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of at least four that bear him witness: John the Baptist, the works the Father has asked Jesus to accomplish, the Father himself, and the scriptures. Thus, Jesus is telling the Jews that he has not come of his own accord and that he has credentials so that they should listen to him. The problem however, is that they refuse to consider these things; they have their own criteria and agenda.

It is, indeed, quite difficult to reason with people who want to listen only to their own voices instead of some objective criteria. When we accept only what we want to hear, no dialogue and no truth can be reached. The challenge in all conversations is our ability to set aside our opinions and listen to what others have to say – at least, to be open to the possibility that we may not have the whole truth or may even be wrong.

This is one of the problems with most people in our world today. Most of them only want to listen to their own voices. Even have their own opinions become the standard that people should follow. Even in the church, some people want to tell the Bishop or the Pastor to do things based on their own opinion.

This is why it is important to have the foundation of the truth where we can base our voices and opinions. They serve us as our witness. And for us Catholic Christians, it is the Scripture and Tradition. Like Jesus it is by these witnesses that we can truly accomplish our mission for the glory of God.

Amen