

FR. TK. REFLECTIONS 27th SUNDAY 2020.

FRUITLESS VINEYARD.

Once again, we are on trial with regards to our faith and our relationship with God in this Sunday's reflections. God has cared, He is caring and will care for His people. The question at hand for you and me is ARE WE GOING TO PRODUCE THE DESIRED FRUITS? This is a very disturbing challenging theme of THE FRUITLESS VINEYARD, especially in this present-day society.

Our readings today help us discover whether we bear the required fruits or not. Israel is being compared to a vineyard which fails to produce fruit despite being CARED for and being given lots of ATTENTION. Sadly, the result of his labors produces only wild grapes. He did what could have been done to save them but due to their stubbornness and hardness what could he have done?

St. Paul in his letter, gives us the kind of fruits we should produce in this world, ***Truth, Goodness, Honor, Praiseworthiness and Uprightness.***

It is not uncommon in Africa to hear parents in DESPERATION, with a lot of CONCERN and TEARS, uttering these words from time to time ***WHAT ELSE COULD I HAVE DONE FOR THEM!!! These are very painful words from a parent who has done*** everything within his or her control to give the best to their children and the outcome is so discouraging indeed.

Imagine a parent who spends sleepless nights to care for their young child as he grows up. Giving them the basics and sending them to the best schools. Making sure they have the proper catholic doctrines from a catholic institution. Providing good food and allowing them the freedom to have good times. What is the result really for some? Do your children abuse all that? This could be devastating for parents.

Consider parents who have tried to raise and educate their children well. One family's child quits university in the final year and decides to start a pub business. He sends a few bottles of whisky and brandy to the parents at Christmas time. Another parent finds their child married to a rich guy. They don't believe in having children because this is a bother and an obstacle to their foreign trips and traveling. They connect by writing cards from exotic places.

Another child was happily married with three girls. He recently deserted the young family and took off with a young college girl.
Another decides to locate in the Bahamas, dress like a hippy, having a good time. In all these examples none of them go to church. They have no meaning for their lives despite the efforts put by their parents.

WHAT COULD WE HAVE DONE?

Might you today as a parent or grandparent be asking the same question?

Can you young people spare the parents?

Can you give them a break and peace of mind as they age?

Can you come back to your senses young ones?

We appeal, plead, and request you with all respect, SPARE THE PARENTS.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE, THE CHANCE IS STILL THERE, THE POWER IS WITHIN YOU.

God is expecting fruits from all of us as His vineyard.

He expects peace not war.

True worship not Idolatry, Justice in dealing with one another.

Avoidance of injustice, corruption, and exploitation of the poor and vulnerable.

Good Not Evil.

Caring and sharing Not Greedy.

Community Not exclusiveness.

Humility Not Pride.

Wise Godly living Not a pagan style of life.

THE STORY AND THE PARABLE IS YOURS AND MINE.

LET'S ACT NOW. THERE IS STILL TIME TO PRODUCE GOOD FRUITS.

