

**FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY YEAR-A 2023.**

**WISDOM:**

The church liturgical year has 34 Sundays in the ordinary time. we too have other seasons, **Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter seasons.**

Today is the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday thus remaining with 17 more Sundays hence we are at the mid of the church liturgical year. Time to reflect on **the past Sundays, then where we are, which will lead us to which direction we need to follow.** where might we have gone wrong, where might we have done well, do we need to get rid of somethings, improve others. could we say it is time for short **stock taking or self evaluating** of our spiritual life.

What a good time then to seek and look for **wisdom which will lead and guide us.** All our readings today talk about wisdom which will put us into proper perspective and help us **seek and look for ways to buy the field with hidden treasure and too precious pearls of great value.** Jesus is talking about **the kingdom of heaven.** Jesus is telling us **seek first the kingdom of heaven and His righteousness and others will be added to you.**

The kingdom of God has nothing to do with **territories, destruction of properties, killings, castles, flags, territory or counties.** It has something to do with **reign of God in our hearts, our lives and our homes.**

We need to seek that kingdom and get it by all means. There are so many ways of people coming to know God, it might have like hitting that treasure by striking it rich, **might be like St. Paul on the road to Damascus, the dramatic encounter with Christ, tragedy, that developing breast cancer, sickness, marriage breakdown, difficult breaking relationships, petty quarrel with your Neighbour, financial collapse, dissatisfaction of life** all these are some of the things which can lead us into encounter and start seeking the **solution through God.** They accept and realize God is the **center of all the gravity.** we should realize once we have relationship with God, everything in our life, **honor, money, success, tragedies, ups and down will fall into proper**

**place.**we must realise there are so many treasures and pearls in our present day materialistic world which might seem to satisfy our material desire's, but emptiness remains because human being is more than body, he/she has soul too and needs **friendship, love and purpose in life.**

**Our Lord is teaching** us today to look for that **precious** kingdom and **invest in it.**

Without wisdom we cannot distinguish it yet it is more worthy than anything else that is why we will need it to help us scan through the priorities of life and get the proper direction in this passing world with So much confusion and short lived pleasures.

Suppose the Lord asked us of what we want him do for us today today! we will get some answers like, **good health, doing well in my studies, getting job, reuniting with my partner, peace and justice in the family, power, understanding long life, all sorts problems will be put across and that is very much in line. what would like tell God yourself?**

Solomon realized the value of wisdom and gave it the **top priority** in answer to what God asked of what he wants Understanding mind to govern your people and **discern what is good and bad.** (1kgs.3:9) Having wisdom will lead us in **looking, searching for the valuables of this world and use them as channels not as obstacles in seeking the kingdom.** God has accorded and provided us with tools in **treasure, time, treasure** He has **given to all us.**

**SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AND HIS RIGHTIOUSNESS THE REST WILL BE ADDED TO YOU.**

**NB:**

**Please say a short prayer for Fr. Innocentus Wambua (Kenya) and Me Fr. Kyallo TK. as we celebrate our 38 anniversary to priesthood (3<sup>rd</sup> August) Any donation given during this time will be shared to Heart of Kenya project for clean water and education of the most vulnerable kids.**

