

**FR.TK REFLECTIONS 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2023:**

**MARY MOTHER OF GOD:**

At the back of our church and I believe other churches, institutions have printed Calendars of this year for people to take home. At the moment they are so neat and empty spaces but soon they will be filled with different dates, Doctors appointments, weddings, meetings, tax dates, travelings and other important things which might require your attention within the year.

Many unaccomplished/unfinished business will definitely spill over to the silent new year.

All these might cause **anxieties, fear, stress, joys and even panic** to us as human beings. In spite of all that we are called to face the year with **courage, determination, hope and to be optimistic** in all what we undertake. We need to face the year with refreshed **vision and commitment to faith and trust in God**. We will face challenges no doubt in our present world of division, uncertainty, and sadness, the pope tells us that we are not alone, **in this valley of tears and mourning and weeping yet we are called to bring joy and light to those parts of the world in darkness (Ignatius press)**.

There is no better way we can enter the new year than the Blessings accorded in our first reading with **duties and responsibilities given to Moses by Yahweh** > go to Aaron and his sons and tell them to Bless my people with these Blessings: ***May Yahweh Bless you and keep you.***

*May yahweh let his face shine on you and be gracious unto you. May yahweh show his face on you and bring you peace*  
**Then I shall Bless them (Numb.6:22-27)**

What a Blessing with this new year for all of us!

We are called to see the presence of God in all the activities we undertake this year in our life's. we see the **helping, teaching, strengthening, connecting, healing and redeeming grace** in all the activities and **if God is on our side what will we be afraid of?** This is where our faith comes into effect the trust and confidence in whatever we do.

Our resolutions should be based on faith and God powers. We must build the culture of of light and life and **light that candle in the darkness of our life rather than cursing the dark.**

**We see what we can bring to the world, church, society and family rather than what they can bring for us.**

We put **honesty, trust, confidence, respect** and rekindle the **light of the world.**

We are not alone in this ,we are luck as we celebrate **the mother God, and our mother may she intercede for us now and throughout this year and always and we echo her submission and commitment to God like her.**

*Am the handmaiden of the lord may it be done to me according to your word this year.*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023 TO ALL.**