

**Fr.TK REFLECTIONS 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY YEAR C 2022.**  
**THE DIVISIVE PRINCE OF PEACE:**

Did he come to bring peace or division? Is he still prince of peace really? Is he turning out to be son of **thunder and fire**? ***I have come to bring fire upon the earth and how I wish it were already kindled***(Lk.12:49). This statement alone would have landed Christ in prison for several years if he was in the State of California and if he talks of bringing fire! He would have been accused of being **arsonist** and **premeditated malicious damage**.

Did Christ come to bring division or peace is he still the **prince of peace**? **And why is he wishing such disruption** in the family. Jesus for sure is very practical in the human sense of the family and community even the church especially in the current society everywhere. The division due to misunderstanding seems to be inevitable and especially due to materialism approach of life, not forgetting the uniqueness of each person with his /her principals and opinions.

Talk of this in Kenya as they enter into General voting and the counting of votes and worse still the outcome of the results. All are excited, many have already differed in opinion in whom they have been supporting, it has now extended even after the elections!!, families Neighbour's, tribes Christian's have been divided depending on the political affiliation. They may not see eye to eye with one another hatred has taken the upper hand yet those candidates will disappear and leave a divided community your Neighbour your brother or sister is not relocating he is still there Is this not what Christ is talking about.

That priest who supported his candidate and had his democratic right is still your father in charge , your associate working in the same parish. Are you going to bring division due to that. Accomodate each other's opinion and manage the situation. Love your Neighbour.

Jesus in the Gospel today asserts very clearly he has not come to bring peace but division. ***Do you think I have come to bring peace on earth No but I tell you division***(Lk.12:51).

Jesus life right from the beginning has been full of contradiction, see in the presentation, the old man Simon attested that ***see him, he will be for the rise and fall of many in Israel, he shall stand as a sign of contradictions, while a sword will pierce your soul***(Lk.2:35-35).

The coming of Christ brought **sorrow amid joy**.

His message will divide families, communities even the churches over the issue of this son of peace.

The church is divided in many ***issues, opinions, Doctrinal, administrative charismatic, faith healings, prolife, visionaries, appearance of our lady, Same sex marriage issues, alternative living arrangements***. are these **issue not** tearing the church into pieces, is this not the division Christ is talking about!

What of the division in families when one marries another from a different denomination **especially in Africa, division** will occur worse still if it between a Muslim, Catholic or Hindu some will be **disowned, disinherited even cut off from the family, sometimes death will be inevitable** from the fundamentalists.

We may not escape all these issues, we need to stand firm like Jeremiah, we will be tossed in different cisterns due to Christ the sign of contradiction by the world and the society. We will face **demonstrations whenever we stand firm for prolife we will be falsely accused. we must live with convictions, loyalty, and commitments not emotions**. we must simply bring that kingdom of Christ in our violent society and world who are pushing anything Christ outside their life's.

Let us **bring that spiritual fire to undo the power of evil, in families in the church in our world**. Let us renew the face of the earth by educating

our generation here and now about **decaying morality, corrosions of sexual license which has become a cancer of the society, about respect and dignity of life from conception to natural death. The rights of the unborn and the respect for the child, youth and the aged, honesty fairness, in business, politics and in the government.** We must fight for the future of the society stand for **right and wrong.**

**The burning fire of faith will give us focus and direction, it has to be fueled by prayers and sacraments.** This is the fire of truth found only in this prince *of peace Jesus Christ.* who will **lit the fire to bring light to human dignity, repentance and sacredness of life and burn away sense of evil and deception** to clear the way for **Grace and Truth.**

Our faith shouldn't be personalized but be shared and bring light to others through the Holy Spirit who cleanses and lights.

***Our faith must be fire on earth.***

***ALL THE ABOVE WILL BRING FIRE AND DIVISION BUT PEACE WILL PREVAIL:.***