

**FR.TK REFLECTIONS 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY YEAR C 2022.**

**HUMILITY VERSUS PRIDE:**

It is becoming a very common phenomenon in some African cultures during funerals and also wedding that a class has developed whereby there seems to be two different functions in one!.It is almost now accepted there are reserved place, seats and food for people of different status.It is very common for the masters of ceremonies to announce the sitting protocols with those seats reserved for people from Nairobi(or any big city)**Watu wa Nairobi(people from Nairobi).** Our today's readings especially the first reading and the Gospel talks and cautions us from falling to such pit-palls of **pride to humble.**They talk of this vital virtue of humility.

The first reading author **praises the person who is conscious** of his own **weakness and never rejects wisdom**,no matter where it comes from ***my son conduct your affairs with humility and discretion and you will be loved by those who are acceptance to God(Sirach 3:17)*** The greater you are the more you should humble yourself to God and you will find Favour with him.It is the humble who gives him glory.Do not seek what is beyond your powers(3:18-20)

Pride brings **barriers and obstacles to Gods graciousness and communion with people.**

In the gospel,Jesus is invited in the house of a leading Pharisee,we may assume that other Pharisees were too invited.Most likely they were **observing Jesus carefully** to see whether he is going to perform a healing miracle on sabbath to trap him by breaking the law.similarly Jesus was too observing them especially in the way they were choosing the sitting protocols.**(Watu wa Nairobi)** He gives this parable of places of honor to teach them on **humility**,thus putting them in the right perspectives and place to be **humble and to detest from pride.**

**We** are called to be humble if we will be exalted let the exaltation come from others.

Humility is really a neglected virtue that is very vital in Christian way of life and **directs our activities and navigate them in the proper direction just like a radar to a an airplane.** Humility is a virtue of **honesty about ourselves, our souls and need of Gods grace and our relationship with one another.** we shouldn't confuse it with **arrogance, pride, weakness or denial of our abilities and capability or special gifts** given by God. Real humility is about **truth clarity, honesty about yourselves and need of Gods grace.**

It is about knowing our **limitations and our strength and accepting ourselves in our own situations,** without pretense, that is the call today. The greatest humility we can see it in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ who **took our human form from his divinity to humanity that he may raise our humanity to his divinity in the great mystery of incarnation.** The Cross is another lesson for us to learn from him, **he humbled himself accepting death, death on the cross.**

We are all called to be humble like him being his followers this is our duty to be humble.

What are you going to give him today? **Is it humility or pride!**