

FR.TK. REFLECTIONS 26th SUNDAY YEAR C 2022.

THE IMBALANCE OF PROPERTIES!.

The most challenging issue we have in our present day world, is equal distribution of things. Some have **more than what they want** others **don't have even the basics to live on**. Many **struggles to make the ends meet for daily bread**, others **already find plenty in their plates even before they are born**.

There is no doubt **many work a lot** to earn what they have, others are **too lazy only complaining**. What a contradiction in life in this world we live.

Prophet Amos on the first reading condemns those who are living luxurious life's styles without considering what is happening to the poor ones in the country (Amos:6:1,4-7). Am sure there are so many what we call third world who are undergoing this. **the unequal distributions of wealthy. The same country the same citizens but completely different worlds. The rich becoming richer the poor becoming poorer what a contradiction.** Many countries in these third world so called countries are **living in financial captivity and debts many of them caused by bad governance. The rich ones stacking huge monies in foreign countries at the expense of the poor citizens** making the countries dependence.

Where is the balance indeed, where is Amos of today? Might the good Lord calling you today to be an Amos? Consider the escalating price of **gas, taxes and even food stuff in many of these third world countries!** might God be inviting the **developed world to be Amos of balance!**

In the gospel we are confronted with two characters living in the same world yet so much different life style. The rich man and the poor Lazarus. The rich man lived in a **lavish style, he is oblivious of the presence of poor Lazarus though he is just stuck at his gate** as the man drives the luxurious limousine. He didn't care of what was

happening around him,he cared about his **earthly comfort,security**,he cared of himself hence **selfishness,egoentric,uncaring unconcerned** what mattered was himself only.

The rich man never noticed Lazarus or he ignored him!there was no personal contact at all though they were human being.

We are living in such a world side by side on daily basis for sure,before we cast a stone and finger of condemning the rich man let's look on what is happening in the world around us.Don't we have Lazarus stuck in that **gate,in the store,street,the sufferings,the sick,the stressed, depressed the lonely, immigrants,and those separated from their families!** How are **we extending an hand and and providing a shoulder for them?**

Has God not given us enough sign about himself among his creation to believe his existence(**why I am not a Christian-Bertrand Russel**).

Do we appreciate what God has created as good (Gen:1:31) whatever we do to the little of our our brothers and sisters at that gate we do it to Christ himself(mt.25:4)the Lazarus is in that street.

The encounter of Lazarus and the rich man might be very **disturbing** to us **annoying thus bring us self pity,discomfort,sympathy,anger and even being humble we are called today to do something.** Might we be poor in **companionship,willingness to help,to love or poor in heart.**How we reach to others this is the call.How do we **bridge and strike the balance between the poor and the rich?**

Lazarus suffered from **material poverty in the world,the richman suffered from poverty of companionship,love and care.**He should have learned from the **street stray dogs who gave Lazarus company and coolant by licking his sores.**we will always be poor even if we have the whole world,riches can wound us yet we can use them very well through generosity and seal that **deep valley between the richman and Lazarus while there is still time and bridge the comfort and the**

suffering and bank on COMPASSION AND LOVE, this is how wealthy we are not only on Bank account but also on store room of our heart.

St. Mother Terese of Calcutta has this to say to you and me today:

The greatest evil in the world today, is the terrible indifference towards one Neighbour, which is so wide spread.

Lord save us from the scourge of indifference. open our heart when they closed, soften them when they are hard, warm them when they are cold THAT WE MAY LISTEN TO THE CRIES OF THE NEEDY AND BEAR FRUITS OF COMPASSION AND LOVE.