

FR.TK REFLECTIONS 32nd SUNDAY YEAR C 2022.

THE RESURRECTION PEOPLE-JOURNEYING IN HOPE:

Am writing these reflection from cemetery,I decided today to start the second day of the month of November with the departed members of the City of Napa in California.Am getting a bit tired after Blessing several many graves of our parishioners friends and relatives.The place is full of people with flowers others sharing snacks,praying Rosaries and reflecting.Realising there is a priest within they decided to keep him on his toes.This is the third hour being here, for a break I decided to write these reflections.

The exercise of Blessing and seeing these people praying and being with the departed ones send me thinking about **death and resurrection,the communion of the saints,the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting isn't this not the Nicene creed in action in Napa?** and what a coincidence with our readings this Sunday!

The controversy in todays reading especially the first reading and the gospel are centered on the **resurrection,life after death or eternal life**.The Sadducees didn't belief in life after death because there was no explicit mention of it in the teaching of of Moses in Torah which they adored so much.Note the fact that too they were rich worldly people and they wanted to get the best out of this world rather than banking on life to come.On the contrary the Pharisee believed in resurrection of the body which Jesus supported by asserting and teaching that there is life after death,**God is a living God,He is God of the living not of the dead,He lives on and we live on too.Death is only a full stop of of physical body(life) there is life after that.Our bodies will be glorified like Jesus body after his resurrection thus not being subject to time and space and marriage hence Resurrection teaching.**

Our knowledge and vision like that of Sadducee's is so limited about the question of **death,resurrection and heaven because it is a mystery**,based on faith.Heaven in our limited knowledge can be termed

as a perfect place, where we will see God face to face and see Him as He is, we will lack nothing, we will have perfect, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE. It is a place of Lord of glory, Christ being the perfect shepherd and the father will wipe away every tear from our eyes (Rev 7.17). This is the place Jesus promised in (Jn. 14:1-3) **let your hearts not be troubled, trust in God and me also in my father's house there are many places.., Am going to prepare a place for you, I will come for you so that where I am you may also be.** what a promise and invitation for you and me, are you going for this opportunity today. He is saying he is **the way, the truth and the life the superhighway to the father. We will be like him.** unlimited with the glorified bodies beyond corruption. with our bodies, we are more than **our families, job descriptions, affiliations of any kind, more than our bank account, achievements, emotions,** all these shape and influence us but we have **soul in us which holds us together and which God created as a reflection of Himself in us thus being created in his image. we are creatures of God and none is by accident at all.** we all have **place in God's plan and we are there not only for a SEASON BUT FOR A REASON.** We need that connection and our destiny should be union with our maker in the everlasting life. Don't we need that **strong conviction of the mother and her seven sons who stood by their faith and died for it because there is resurrection (2 Mac. 7:1-2)**

Can we stand firm in this in our **faith, our belief, our conviction in our Catholic faith and be strong in supporting life from conception to natural death!**