

FR.TK. REFLECTIONS 33rd SUNDAY YEAR C 2022.

WITNESSING CHRIST IN A WORLD OF CONFUSION:

Any sensible businessperson will always have what we call **stocktaking** at the end of the day, week or month. This will help the person to know how the business is going on.

This last Sunday of the year of the church is our **spiritual stocktaking!** We need to **see where we are coming from, where we are then we can see what direction we are taking. where do we need to improve, what to get rid of and what we need to retain.** we are once again on a crossroad we need to find direction forward in this **confusing world where we are called to witness Christ** in our generation.

The Gospel reading sounds so threatening though it gives us **strength and hope** in these difficult challenging moments in our times as it did to the Israelites during the time of Jesus. Note the fact that Jesus talked about the destruction of the glorious temple in Jerusalem. This was the **heart and the soul of the people of Israel** after what they had undergone with the Roman rulers of the time. The temple was their only hope and trust it was everything to them. Jesus to talk of the destruction and no stone will be left upon one another (Lk. 21:6) was very disturbing for the already disturbed desperate Israelites. It was a great **shock and horror**, that why they insisted on **when** and **what** will be the signs of that time. would it be the end of the time?

There will be **international conflicts, tensions, earthquakes, flood, fires, Tornados, Nation fighting each other, famine, plague (Lk. 21:10-12)** too this is not the end. He goes on saying his followers will be **hunted, persecuted, betrayed and put into prison**, yet this is not the end. come to think about it nowadays is this not happening? Could it be the end then? The lord is telling us no. Certainly the end will come and there will be separation of the **good and evil** as told in the first reading (Malachi 3.19-20).

The Lord assures us that no one knows the exact hour or day but we should keep on watching and be prepared always, without being fooled by those who say the end is just at the corner.

Every generation will have its **persecution, anti-christ** to lure the believers, **natural disasters, conflicts, misunderstandings** etc to deal with yet these are not the end.

We all have **have different temples, we hope in, value we adore, have security in like, families, relationships, marriages, careers, program going on**, anything we are proud of and bank in for our strength then one day all our temples are gone destroyed **our dreams shattered hitting the walls and collapse**. Is this the end of the world for you? Jesus is telling us ***it is not!*** we see so many temples within us having cracks, so many issues in temples of marriages, vocations, cultural, spiritual, moral which brings conflicts, what are doing about it as Christians? are we standing **lamenting on how these temples used to be like or are we taking a positive action to save the situation. we must face and act on here and now of our time in the confusing world where we must witness Christ**. we must find alternative to save the world from collapsing. Already the Lord told us we will be persecuted and hated for standing by Him.

Let the **talents, time and treasure accorded to us be the BLOCKS of the new age based on Christ**. it is not the end of the world we still have work to accomplish.

The power of the risen lord is not **depleted or exhausted it is there for every age, the future is not going to be shaped by those who keep on weeping on what is gone BUT it belong to the person with *faith, hope, vision and confidence in God***. That person is **you and me in our time**. This is hope in a crisis of confused world which we must witness Christ as we look forward not backward.

LET THE DAY OF THE LORD COME AT ITS OWN TIME ACCORDING TO HIS DIVINE PLAN:

