

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS EASTER SUNDAY YEAR A.2023.

THE EMPTY TOMB:

Since Ash Wednesday, we had 40 days of Lent culminating today with this great victorious **Easter Sunday**, which is the **Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

We have accompanied the Lord on this journey in the **desert, mountain, till this time of His victory over death, evil and Satan**. We have felt His presence in different activities **prayer, fasting, abstinence and Almsgiving** (in form of charitable activities like **feeding the poor and homeless, clothing the needy, humanitarian works in Ukraine, Syria, Turkey, water for Kenya (turning wine into water project) etc.** These are signs of rolling that stone and paving the way for resurrection **How was your participation!**

Good Friday we celebrated one of the greatest mysteries, **Christ has died, today we celebrate Christ is risen**, as we anticipate **Christ will come again**. Don't we proclaim this **mystery of faith always?**

This is the Resurrection of our Lord which was clearly **witnessed by Mary of Magdala** that early morning while it was still dark by finding **the rolled stone and the empty tomb (John.20:2)**. She **ran away from the tomb** to deliver the message to the apostles Peter and the other beloved one who in **turn ran towards the tomb (20:3-8)**. Mary was indeed **the Apostle to the Apostles** they discovered the empty tomb with **rolled stone, linens and cloth which had been on his head**. This was a clear witness that He has risen for real.

Have we journeyed with him in those 40 days of Lent? Have we partaken the last supper with him? Have we accompanied him on the cross? Have we died to sin buried? Do we stand with him or against him? Are we Veronica, Simon, the women of Jerusalem? Might we be the mob or hand-washing Pilate.

We **must now move with him from the tomb** to resurrection. He has moved from the tomb have we moved from ours? Does my way of life

contradict belief of resurrection? Do I continue to live in the tomb of sin,**drink,drugs addiction,racial fear,pride,thuggery,immoral activities,violence or tomb of bad memories in desperation thus I became accustomed to my tomb?Might I be afraid someone can come and roll the stone covering my tomb and uncover and expose me to the light and challenge of living good life.**

Might I have turned my home,office into tombs **for family and workers due to selfishness and abuse and mistreatment.**

Resurrection should help us to **leave the linen and clothing and stones which are obstacle to resurrection We are called to run and witness the risen Lord in evengelization like Mary, peter and other apostles as we see in the first reading.What might be that stone,linen or cloth for you.might it be envy,pride,stress,bitterness with life frustration or any pain, leave them behind and be free in Jesus.**

Easter should not be a **one day trip but a life long journey with our Lord and one another.we are agents of Resurrection and Easter people and Alleluia is our song.**

BE A WITNESS TO SOMEONE THIS EASTER.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL.