

## **FR.TK.REFLECTIONS EASTER SUNDAY YEAR -B.2024.**

### **THE EMPTY TOMB:**

*Since Ash Wednesday*, we had 40 days culminating today with the **RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**. We were in different **deserts, mountains, streets, homes, backyards** all attempting to accompany the Lord. We got involved in different activities, **fasting, abstinence** more **prayers, charitable activities** like feeding the poor and homeless. This was all the call of Lent.

Today we celebrate the victory of our Lord in **suffering, death** through **Resurrection**. Hence through this great victory our song is **alleluia, he is risen, let us rejoice and be glad**. Through His resurrection we have gained **strength, confidence and courage**. This is clearly manifested and seen in our first reading. Peter the man with jerry-like Faith sometimes very courageous and strong other times coward and could not make decisions, yet after Resurrection, he took control of the situation of the church even after denying his master three times. The message by the women who had gone to the tomb to do the final rites of Jesus body, their worry was who is going to **roll the stone for them** but they got the shock of their life's to find already the stone is rolled only an **empty tomb** hence they ran to Peter who was still in agony after denying his master and was still hiding in cool climate of silent Jerusalem with John who by now was awake when Mary Magdalene was announcing to Peter of the empty tomb. They **ran towards** the tomb whereas the women had ran **away from the tomb**. They were the first to announce the message of the Resurrection to the apostles hence the apostles to the apostles.

Peter took control of the situation by entering to the tomb only to find that the body was not there only the linen which had wrapped the body of Jesus were well arranged but left in the tomb.

Like Mary Magdalene and the other women, we discover the reality of this important moment of all the time, like Peter and John we can kneel in the empty tomb and finally come to know that Jesus is Risen. He is asking us to rise with him. We must first rise from our present tombs as he rose from his. We must allow ourselves to be raised by the grace through our cooperation. We must be raised from some of tombs like, **self pride, tombs of excessive drinking, drug additions, violent and abusive relationship, despair of ever coming out of a situation, tomb of fear that a friend, therapist or counselor** may come and roll the stone and expose us to the challenge of living fully committed life.

Easter is all about **preaching, spreading the word of Resurrection and witnessing the risen Lord** like these women and the apostles. The power of the risen Lord makes us to run

and spread the word to all people at all times. We must look for the **line tying us** and leave them in the empty tomb, which might be obstructing us from witnessing Christ the linen of **sin, pride, bitterness of life, pain, illness, failures, success, disappointments, betrayer's unemployments or dissatisfaction of life, we must** roll these stones and obstacles and open the door for Risen Lord to take Control, of our life's. We must not be afraid of leaving whatever tomb still holding us. Don't be afraid of following your Lord through the power of his Resurrection and his Grace. Note that Jesus cannot do everything for us he needs our cooperation.

We need through his grace to follow him **more clearly, more nearly and more dearly. We are called this day to be agents of Resurrection, like Mary Magdalene, Peter and John and other apostles.**

**HAPPY EASTER SEASON TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY:**