

FR.TK REFLECTIONS HOLY THURSDAY YEAR-B.2024.

“DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME”.

All of us tend to forget things unless there is something to trigger our memory. To help us remember, Jesus joined our memory to the Jewish memory of the Passover. He built a never ending bridge of **Bread and bent down to wash the feet of the disciples** and said ***“Do this in memory of me”***. This was done on Holy Thursday the night before he **suffered**, This is the beginning of what we call Easter triduum that is **Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday**. They are the three days of our salvation.

In our first reading (Exd. 12:1-8, 11-14) talks of **Passover feast**. the deliverance from the bondage in Egypt. The Israelites are charged with very strong words about this feast ***you must keep it as a feast day for all generations. This is a degree for the time. St Paul in second reading (1 cor. 11:23-26) speak of the institution of the Eucharist **The night before he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it and said **this is my Body that is for you, do this in remembrance of me, in the same way he took the cup after supper saying This is the new covenant in my Blood, do this in memory of me.*******

The gospel (Jon. 13:1-15) culminates everything manifesting Jesus the servant of all showing his mission of **service and humility. After supper he equipped himself with a towel and a basin of water, he bent down and started washing his disciples feet and drying them with the towel, what a humility indeed and what can we learn from this episode of Jesus.** Though he was the master, he strived himself of all that and did the service to teach his disciples what to do. ***you call me master and lord so I am.*** if then I have washed your feet ***you must wash each others.*** This is a mission he is giving to the disciples and we are part of that mission. On Holy Thursday we react the feet washing, it is like inheritance if we have to be the followers of Christ as seen to what he said to Peter when Peter objected to washing of the feet (Jn. 13:8) ***“if I do not wash you, you have no part with me”*** then we must listen and obey his commandments.

He didn't have any discrimination in his love and service. He did to all of his disciples including the one who betrayed him Judas Iscariot. We are then called to imitate our master and Lord and be of service to all humanity without discrimination at all times.

We are called this Holy Thursday then to enter the Easter Triduum with **humility and service of ministering to one another.**

HAPPY HOLY THURSDAY AND EASTER SEASON TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

