

**FR.TK.REFLECTION 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY: YEAR-B 2024:**

**TAKING RESPONSIBILITY OVER OUR ACTIONS:**

We had a long break from the ordinary time season in our Liturgical year. That break has put us through many happenings in our spiritual journey. We had great season of **lent, Easter, then great mysteries in our faith, Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Trinity and last Sunday Corpus Christi.** These helped us understand what sort of the church we are in which has foundation in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We begin with this season of ordinary time by taking **responsibilities over our faith and our relationship with God.** we start with the book of Genesis and the first temptation of humanity. The **original sin of humanity.** This has spread to all humanity in all generations and **all have that through temptations in the world.**

Like Adam and Evil, we like to think it is **someone else's fault that we are tempted!** It might be true to some extent that someone might have deliberately got us going through the **wrong direction but the fact is that the desire to do wrong comes from ourselves. No one makes us do wrong at all if we don't allow it.** This is clearly illustrated in our first reading (Gn.3:9-15) Adam **blamed** Eve, in turn Eve **blamed the devil!**

The truth is that there is evil in the world always, it **invades, divides and destroys our homes and our life's.** It is only through the **power and grace of Jesus Christ which can help us combat this.** Jesus miracles are seen as **acts of liberation as Satan is cast out and people are freed from destructive spirit that controlled them.** We

experience so many so many evils in our world today,**peoples errors,prejudice,personal dysfunctions,destruction of life at all stages of development.**Structures and organizations can amplify the power of evil and good that is why we have conscience to choose the good from evil.Jesus came to confront the evil and he did very well(Mk.3:20-35).The enmity of humanity was there from Genesis after the fall.**I will put enmity between you and the woman,between your offspring's and hers.**The evil will be **defeated when the offspring of woman will strike your head!** The evil will be in struggle against the woman's offspring by striking the **heel.**we always have the picture of Blessed Virgin Mary crushing the serpent!

The power of Satan is there it is not an historical error which came and went,it is a reality in all forms trying to out-win the good and our minds,spirits,bodies are the battle field.How are we fighting this battle?We need connection and communion with God.We **must protect life at all stages struggle to be faithful to our vocations and spouse's,avoid corruption at all levels.**Above all we need the **power of Jesus Resurrection victory** which can only be found in mass and other sacraments,these will make us strong in the struggle.Mass is our **supply depot,headquarters and strategic centre here we receive the GRACE to go on against the evil.Christ will win the war but the battle of our individual soul is still there.**