

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 12th SUNDAY YEAR -B-2024:

THE STORMS:

It is not a surprise to see so many people especially during summer withdrawing and going to the beaches. Apart from relaxing, the water has all characteristic of human temperament and behavior closely observed. What a nice way of staring the movement it is fascinating seeing the different moods it takes! Sometimes it is **rough, annoyed angry, cool and calm**. Human being have such characteristics. The sea will always give us **wonder, excitement, curiosity, fear, thrills ,fear, thrills and even challenges**. it expresses the mysterious force of nature.

The account in the gospel (Mk. 4:35-41). expresses a great deal of Jesus power as opposed to that of nature and weather disturbance. The church in its many centuries has faced so many storms both from within and without, **spiritual, social, financial moral, political and doctrinal**, yet it has survived in spite of all the roughness. Jesus had promised the church, **the forces of the world will not overcome it, behold am with you till the end of time**. He is showing his presence in this gospel for sure. we have him always in all the storms we face in our daily activities just as he was with the apostles as they crossed over to the other side. Are we not constantly crossing over to the other side in life. Don't we all meet these storms? What a consolation in this gospel of today that he is calming the storms so long as we **wake him up!** we too have a lot of storms in our life's, as human being, **the sea of matrimony and vocation with their storms, storms of relationship, financial ,material, spiritual social, political conflicts** don't we need Jesus

intervention in all these external situation,yet we too face internal storms **anxieties, stress, depression, loose of job loose of a loved one**. These are part of our way of life. We need a lot of calmness to weather the storms and enable us to face them courageously. We need Grace of Jesus.

We are reminded in the first reading from Job(Jn.38:1,8-11), storms have **limits, they can be intense in life, yet God is there for us**, when we turn to him. Job turned to him despite what was happening in his life with many storms facing him one after the other. God will give us **strength and tolerance what we need is trust**. storms will make us **change, reflect and be focused**. We must avoid **making decision, changing direction or rearrange our life's during crisis**. It is a time to reflect and wake up Jesus and ask don't you care that we are perishing. **prayer and trust is needed**. The apostles took the right direction to the master. Our solution of the storms is Jesus. He will be **present and cool the storms and bring that calmness we need**. **NEAR THE LORD THERE IS CALMNESS LETS GO TO HIM NOW:**