

## FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY YEAR-B- 2024:

### ON STAND BY:

Today's readings are indeed disturbing, filled with **cosmic collapse** and **signs of the end of times**. They tell of events like moon, sun stars **failing to give light, wars, terrorism, family conflicts, political instability and conflicts, earth quakes, fires etc.** Are all these not happens in our present day world? Might we be at the end of times? could this be it now? Today's events in the world and conflicts in different areas should lead us into the proper perspective of our readings today. They show us **conflict between good and evil, tensions in our lives** and no doubt we are **part of it and most of the time we are the battle field**. We cannot escape from all these events in our world. we must be strong as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The first reading (Dan 12:1-3) is what we could call an apocalyptic writing that is end of times, the Jews were forced to adapt pagan Greek religious otherwise they would be persecuted. Daniel is giving **hope to the remnant that the Archangel Michael will come to guard those who remained faithful**. What a great challenge for us during this time of great happenings, which is affecting all parts of our lives, **spiritually, financially politically, socially and even psychologically**. **Don't we need this Michael's protections urgently! The conflicts are inevitable and real not imaginary for sure.**

Our Lord is warning us in the gospel (Mk. 13:24-32) **see that no one deceives you what I say to you be on watch**. He is cautioning us of the false prophets and preachers who are **predictors and**

**interpreters of times and seasons. Almost in every generation these people are there** confusing people about the coming of our Saviour and the end of time. This is causing a lot of confusion and havoc, among people, some not working, others killing their families and themselves because the end is at hand. Jesus is telling us these will happen obvious but **no one knows the time neither the angel's in heaven, or the son except the father.** Where do people get these from who seem to know, the Month, day even the time.

People are confusing others to an extent of not living normal life of **present, living in the future.** Jesus is telling us his exact time of coming is of no consequences to our present journey or our future destiny what is of importance is **good use of the remaining time and of its opportunities for grace and goodness.**

Let's make the best of our present time and moment in the service of one another thus reducing the unnecessary **tensions, conflicts and stress within us, in families, society and the world.**