

**FR.TK.REFLECTION 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY YEAR-C-2025:**

**ACTION NOT WORDS:**

Pope Francis must be having very hard time in today's readings contrary to his recent short homilies of 7 minutes and below. Already the priests and Catholics in Kenya have an issue with short homilies. Am a victim of my nieces during my vacation when I gave 15 mins homily not many were impressed with me.

Our first reading (Nehemiah 8:2-4,5-6,8-10) we have more than a Kenyan homily this one lasted for half a day! I would assure you in America and Europe he would have been left there alone with several emails to the pope! The main reason for such long homily is that the people had just returned from exile, finding the town and temple in ruins, no houses no nothing. They were **divided, hostile and quarreling to each other**. Not only the city and the walls of Jerusalem needed to be rebuilt but **the people had to be rebuilt as a community**. Ezra had to take the responsibility and teach the people their **common root and descend as chosen people hence they should stop fighting one another and rebuilt their destroyed city and the temple they need to take action not hating in words**.. We all need such cautions in our present society where modern technology is taking the society by storm furthering things contrary to **morality and faith very fast**. We need the institution of the church to stand firm. The battle is there between the scripture and media and we are the battle field. The media and the society is fighting the church. we are the church we are under **attack and we are the body of Christ**. Despite our differences and principals, we **form that one body the church and we must all work together to**

**guard and protect that one body.**We have a mission for our **salvation and others.**The gifts mentioned by paul,are not for **personal perfection but ways of strengthening that body.**

In his very first sermon in Nazareth,quoting prophet Isaiah(Lk.1:1-4,,4:14-21) Jesus outlines his mission as **bringing liberty,justice and freedom to the people held in spiritual captivity in so many ways.**The messiah is identified **not so much by what he would say but rather by what he would do.**

After reading he had the courage to tell them exactly who he was as messiah,***today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing (Lk.4:21).***He is the one profiled by Isaiah and now the time has come for him to,**put the profile into action.**His mission and action is clearly when he send the message to John **that the blind regain sight,the lame walk,lepers cleansed,deaf hear and good news is proclaimed.**

Our homilies and readings dear priests should be **articulated, articulated,encouraging** and **reminding** the people of this mission Distinguish homilies and entertainment or seducing for money.

Homilies and readings basically should be **Northstar,lighthouse, map,GPS,** that reminds us who we **are in Christ,what we can be in christ,and what we can do in christ.** They enable us to to **reset our spiritual and moral compass** that we may not drift from our direction towards Christ mission and show us the way home.

**All the readings today focus on weekly homilies.**