

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR-C- 2025.

WARNING AND THE SECOND CHANCE:

The theme of **warning and second chance can be detected in all the** reading of this Sunday..It is a great opportunity for us to take the second chance and reflect and see where we need to **repair,get rid off,improve** and **repent**.

In the first reading(Ex 3:1-8.13-15) could be referred as the call,of Moses and his **personal encounter with God in the burning bush**.when we look into his life till this time,it is clear that that this call was a second chance for him.The episodes we see in his life before this encounter are questionable,very **extreme emotions, quick temper**.This is clearly seen in the episode of seeing an Egyptian attacking an Israelite and he intervened over reacting,thus killing the Egyptian.When he saw two Israelites attacking one another,he intervened and the last episode is when he intervened for Jethro's girls from the median shephards.In all these cases we see the character of Moses he couldn't lead the people like that but after the encounter in the burning bush,after he was given the second chance.Don't we all need this second chance for sure? Moses way of life despite his bursting character,he was a man of **care,concern and justice**.God chose him not because he was **smart,intelligent,pious** but rather with the second chance he was **chosen as an instrument of liberation of Gods people**.God chooses us the way we are and giving us a second chance ,duty and responsibility of leading and caring of one another.How are you doing that.God doesn't look on our past way of life,he is after our **potentiality.Bad and evil,light and darkness** are always within us

trying to out-win each other and we are the **battle fields**.we must learn to be **kind, lenient and tolerant** to one another.We need to **acknowledge the dark-side within us and the need to improve** this is what we **call repentance**.we need to change like moses and lead others through the present desert of our time to freedom of children of GOD.St.Paul in (1Corinth 10:1-6,10-12)is reminding us to be Baptised and receiving other sacraments doesn't mean **automatic salvation we must take care of our faith not to be victims of darkness.This is the second chance we are given.**

Jesus in (Lk 13:1-9) echoes the same call of second chance through this great parable of fig tree which never gave fruits.The owner threatened to chop it off that it may stop wasting space and time.The Gardner pleads for **second chance** that he may work on it and if doesn't produce then he can chop it off.What a great teaching for the parents,teachers,priests and everyone that we **must give the second chance to people**.As we look for good results in anything the question should be have we nurtured the seed in that person!We need to be like the Gardner to have **care,concern,patience,kind and loving**.The central call is tolerance and love,which doesn't **give up,patience,doesn't coax,rather it encourages and always gives a second chance**.This is only seen in person of Jesus Christ whom we must imitate.

God is patience with us as human beings despite our shortcomings. He gives us second opportunity and we must give others the same.He is calling us today in our burning bush wherever we are,it is Holy ground and He is present everywhere(**omnipresence**).