

## **FR.TK.REFLECTIONS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR -C- 2025:**

### **SECOND CHANCE:**

We do not very often get or give a second chance in life when we make a mistake. In our gospel today (Jn 21:1-19) the lord gave the apostles that gift of the **second chance**. Remember **one of them had denied him three times, another one doubted him and the rest had taken off at the hour of need in the Garden shortly before he was arrested**. We are witnessing in this gospel the idea of **resurrection had not penetrated in their minds. They had already gone back to their business as usual as if nothing had happened**. Their **dreams, hopes and expectations were shattered by the death of their master**. They were desperate and discouraged no wonder they had gone back to fishing.

Having that background of these apostles, we see how **human they were**, too we see the reaction of Jesus **giving them a second chance rather than writing them off**. Jesus will always give us a second chance in life despite our failure as human being and he is too asking us the same that we give others a second chance, when they wrong us. The apostles needed **a revival as witness of the death and resurrection of Christ as we need it during this period**. Jesus reached out to them in the environment they were, in that cold water, that sea even in their desperation of catching fish, without breakfast. The good shepherd went after them and fished them back to evangelization and to the official duty of catching men and women! He filled their desperation with **hope and trust again**. The good shepherd will never leave his flock, he **cannot leave us he will reach us where we are, whatever time**.

Jesus will always provide the means and ways of spreading the gospel despite the challenges as he did to the apostles that morning, providing them with meal for breakfast. This meal must have reminded them of the last supper that night, the charcoal fire must have reminded Peter of the night he denied him three times, yet Peter is given a **second chance and he confirm his faith and love to the Lord this time** *\*you know that I love you\**. With the second chance given it entails **duty and responsibility, *\*feed my lambs, look after my sheep, feed my sheep (Jn 21:18-19)***

We all need a second chance and we ought to give a second chance to others. Christ love and resurrection demands that we **take care of the flock we have, children, family members, aging parents, sick, spouses, friends, homeless, immigrants, refugees** and those in need. These are some of the things we are called to witness on this challenging society and the world. Each of us is called to give witness, maybe not at the risk of our life, but at the risk of **our career, popularity, fake friendships, positions in the society, leisure time**. At mass the Lord gives us **a second chance to receive Grace for witnessing to him**. In this appearance at the seashore we have the **meal, the mission and call to witness**. message for all of us.