

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 16th SUNDAY YEAR-C-2025:

THE HOSPITALITY:

The theme of hospitality runs through all readings today. (Gen18:1-10) Abraham **welcome three strangers and gives them a nice meal**, little did he know he was **entertaining messengers of God**.

In his hospitality, asking for nothing in return, his long time wish of having a **child was fulfilled** despite the advanced age and his wife Sara, **for nothing is impossible with God**. what a great lesson for us to learn in our current day society where by trust in God seems to have escaped because we are looking immediate instance answers! we need to enumerate Abraham **hospitality and his patience** in all the situations we encounter.

Gospel (Lk 10:30-42), Jesus and his apostles, enjoy sharing **hospitality** with Martha and her sister Mary in Bethany near Jerusalem. we too have a lesson to learn from these two sisters who were completely different in their approach of life. Martha is very **actively involved and absorbed in carrying out the many tasks and details of hospitality** thus making the visitors feel at home. Mary on the other hand is **absorbed with the listening to the Lord**.

Martha was very practical accomplishing things focusing on the **active physical dimension of service using her own hands**, whereas Mary is very **contemplative, absorbing and listening thus using her heart**. They are teaching us very practical ways of serving the gospel using our **hand, heart and mind**. obviously we need the Martha's, to spread the gospel **peace and virtue in our world today**, we too need the Mary's **to listen and pray for others**. We

need **silence to to pause,reflect that we may focus on God when listening to our conscience that we may know which direction to take in life.**

The fact is that the Lord enters into our daily life's in so many different ways.He comes to us through those in need,suffering, sick and through others like in Abraham,Martha and Mary,we need to share like them.when we pause and listen to our Lord,he enables us to discover better ways of following him and sharing Blessings he provides us.He guides and leads us each according to his/her own responsibility as parents,religiou or any other profession.He guides us and gives sense of direction whenever we sit and listen to him in prayer like Mary thus choosing the best part.Prayer gives us energy power and vision.prayer is not limited to age,IQ,income,family size,gender marital status whether you are priest,Nun,it is simple taking time and sitting at the feet of Jesus not telling anything but listening to him.

Jesus touches us wherever we are and in whatever situation.We need to pause and welcome him into our lives.He is inviting us today,we need to **listen to him in our mind,heart.**we must work like Martha and we must listen like Mary.The world is pulling us in **all direction but prayer draws us back to Christ.**The **storms,Gail's and challenges will always be there but** only in the person of Christ we find **calmness in prayer.work and prayer compliment each other.**We need to sit at the lords feet to listen to him.

