

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 20th SUNDAY YEAR -C- 2025:

THE DIVISIVE PRINCE OF PEACE:

Did he come to bring peace or division?is he still prince of peace after these words in the gospel today(Lk12:49-53) **I have come to bring fire on the earth and how I wish it were already kindled(49)**,this statement alone would have landed Jesus into prison for several year in the State of California because of talking of fire.He would have been accused of being **arsonist and premeditated malicious damage of properties**.Did he come to bring **peace of division** ? Why is he wishing such disruption within the families?Jesus for sure is very practical in the human sense of family and community especially in our current set up of the society.The divisions **on political affiliations,religion,and tribal background**,are these not leaving a divided family and society?How many people in a family can't see eye to eye due to politics,material possession which is creating a lot of **egoism and hatred leading to wars and a lot of sufferings**.is this not what the Lord is talking about?How many priests can't see eye to hear with one another due to the different approach of life especially political.The fact that you support a different person you divide the parish,JUMUIYA and even the families!

Jesus from the very beginning has been full,of contradiction,in the presentation.the old folk Simon attested that **see him,he will be for the rise and fall of many In Israel,he shall stand as a sign of contradiction,while a sword will pierce your soul** (Lk.2:35)The coming of Christ brought **sorrow and joy**.His message definitely will divide the families,communities even the churches over the issue of

this prince of peace. The church is already divided in many issues and opinions like, **doctrinal, administrative, charismatic, prolife, visionaries, same sex marriage issue**, are these not tearing the Catholic Church into pieces? We need control obvious as much as we respect each others opinions. Division of families can too be seen of marriage from different tribe or cultural background and even religious especially Muslim, Catholics and Hindu some will be **disowned, disinherited, cut off from the family even death is possible**. Jesus is talking on this we must be very careful for sure.

We must stand firm like Jeremia in todays reading (Jer. 38:4-6, 8-10) we will be tossed in different cisterns due to Christ the sign of contradiction by the world and the society. We will face demonstrations whenever we stand firm for prolife, we will face false accusation due to **convictions, loyalty and commitment from different quarters especially those pushing Christ from their way of life**. We must simply bring Christ in that violent society we are in.

The generation at hand (Gen-Z) must be handled with care and caution due to uncontrolled **decaying morality, corrosions of sexual licence** which has become the cancer of the society, lack of respect of life from **conception to natural death, the right for the unborn and respect for the child, youth and the aged, fairness in business, politics and in government. We must fight for the future of the society and Stand for justices and guide our youth otherwise they will take control on the wrong direction**. The battle is with us.

The burning fire of faith will give us focus and direction it must be fueled by **prayers and sacraments**. This is the fire of truth only found

in Jesus the price of peace. He will bring **light to human dignity, repentance and sacredness of life thus burning away sense of evil and deception clearing the way for Grace and truth.** our faith must not only be kept but too spread thus bringing light to others through the Holy Spirit who cleanses and lights/**our faith must then bring fire on our darkened world.** obviously this will bring ***DIVISION BUT PEACE WILL PREVAIL:***