

**FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY YEAR-C-2025:**

**WITNESSING CHRIST IN THE WORLD OF CONFUSION:**

Any sensible business person will always have what we call **stocktaking every day, week, month and year**. This will help the person to know how the business is doing.

Technically this is our last Sunday in the Liturgical calendar year next Sunday we have Christ the King. It is our **spiritual stocktaking Sunday. we need to see where we are coming from, where we are and this will give us direction on where we are going**. Where do we need to improve, **to get rid of and what can we retain?** We are on a **cross road, we need to find direction forward in this confusing world where we are must witness Christ** in our generation.

The gospel reading (Lk 21:5-19) sounds so threatening though it gives **strength and hope** in these difficult challenging moments of our time as it did to Israelites in the time of Jesus. Jesus talked of destruction of the glorious temple in Jerusalem. This was the **heart and the soul** of Israelites after what they had undergone with the Roman rulers of the time. The temple was their only **hope and trust** hence Jesus talking of destruction of such treasure was adding an insult on the injury for them. It was very disturbing already for a disturbed community. It was a great shock that is why they insisted on **when and what signs, would it be, is it the end of times?** Jesus says there will be tensions, floods, earthquake, fires, famine, nation fighting each other, plague international conflicts (Lk. 21:10-12) yet this is not the end. He goes on saying his followers will be **persecuted, betrayed and put in prison yet this is not the end**. Is this not happening too during our time? Is the end near? There seems

to be conflicts of different kinds and tensions of different magnitude in every generation for sure. The Lord is telling us this is not the end, certainly the end will come and there will be separation of **Good and evil as we hear from (Malachi 3:19-20)** The Lord assures us that no one knows the time, day but tell us to **be on look out and be prepared**. Let not be fooled by those who are predicting. Disasters, conflicts, persecution, antichrist of every generation will be there.

We all have different **temples, hopes, values security like family, relationships, marriages, careers, programmers, bank accounts** these might be destroyed by circumstances and shuttered thus destroying our dreams, is this the end of the world? Jesus is telling us **it is not!** We have so many cracks within our different temples, marriages, vocations, cultural, spiritual, morals which bring conflicts, we must do something not to stay lamenting on how it used to be so good, do something to save the situation, take a positive action, face and act on here and now, we must simplify witness Christ in such confusion in our world.

The power of our risen Lord is not **depleted or exhausted, it is there every age, the future is not going to be shaped by those who keep on weeping on what is gone but it belongs to the person with faith, hope, faith and confidence in God**. That person is you and me in our time.

**LET THE DAY OF THE LORD COME AT ITS OWN TIME ACCORDING TO HIS DIVINE PLAN.**