

FR.TK.**REFLECTIONS** 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR-A-2025:

PREPARE THE WAY:

John the Baptist is the kind of man many of us wouldn't like to meet, neither in the dark of the night nor in clear of the night. He is such a character who would frighten anyone with his dressing code, his unattended hair, beard and his appearances. You will get impressed that he would read your soul as clear as Chrystal and that **he might not hesitate to shout your sins out loud for all your friends to hear, his language is extreme especially to the Pharisees and Sadducees, he was very committed to God and very spiritual fearing nothing. sin and human excuses have no defense in John's presence.**

John is a **Herald, he is preparing the way for Jesus and for the kingdom** hence the call to **repentance**, he Baptised with a baptism of repentance, he demands a change of **mind and heart in all who would hope to be worthy receding the Lords kingdom.** He is telling us to look for our **priorities in life.** We have all the privileges of having a lot of time and also exposed to modern technology which can help us establish our priorities but are we using those opportunities or we are letting them use us? Wherever we work we are lucky already some of the companies have established **mission statements, goals, objectives, priorities, strategies of execution to attain that mission** can't this help us to **prioritize and execute our Christian priorities based on that?** Do we have energy or enthusiasm left to **feed our souls? We must get our priorities right.** What a time as we prepare and await for the coming of our Lord. Many would rather have the fun of Christmas celebration as opposed to St. John's call, of repentance and change of heart and attitude. Many want a Christmas without **without advent, Easter without lent, happiness without sacrifice, peace without justice, heaven without conversion of life** yet John is reminding us of the need to **reform.**

Isaiah(11:1-10) talks of **vision for all beings living in harmony** this might look out of place given the situations and **conflicts** among human beings leave alone animals. But the reign of God seen by the prophet there is possibility of that harmony and peace. Conflicts and tension ought not to be the last result, every generation including our own has a chance for peace and it is you and me to work on that. The past doesn't have to dictate or decide future for us let's get our priorities properly and in time. If we want a world of harmony, we must be

willing to sacrifice our pride.world of peace,we must be
**peacemakers,world of honesty,we must speak the truth,world
where human dignity is respected,respect all people, world
where human life is respected,we must respect from conception
to natural death.Isaiah is challenging us** the peace of the kingdom
of God is always available to us if we go for it.The choice is yours
today if we have to follow that man from the desert with his
unattended hair and beard fearing nothin but speaking the truth.
Advent is time to reach out to other people especially those in need.