

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 5thSUNDAY YEAR-A-2025:

SALT AND LIGHT:

Our readings today especially the first(Isa 58:7-10) and the gospel (Mt 5:13-16)highlights on the people of God being the salt of the earth and light of the world.This is a great and alot of responsibility if we have to **have that tasty and illuminate the world with light!**

Isaiah wrote to the people after Exile as they were rebuilding their country,city,temple and their farms.They had developed sense of **selfishness,self-centered(everyone for himself attitude,thus bringing division in the community in an attempt to survive.**This is clearly seen in our society these days.The prophet is warning them and us too that God is not going to be happy with such attitude and they won't go far neither be successful.If we want to **succeed and thrive,we must start caring for one Justice,honesty,fairness and kindness will bring light into the darkness,selfishness will continue bringing suffering.**What a great teaching for our current situation to reflect on.The gospel highlights the **impact and influence that we must live** in the world as salt **of the earth and the light of the world.**we are called to have influence and bring the tast and light in the darkness of our world.we must not **loose that saltiness otherwise we will be useless,we must retain intergrity and live our faith,we must not compromise our value with the influence of modern technology.**We are called **to use them but not them using us or controlling us.**we have the responsibility to illuminate the truth and guide others to God.

Jesus has and is spending a lot of time **coaching us and forming us through the Holy Spirit ,word and sacraments****you are the salt of*

the earth and the light of the world it is not an easy responsibility but we are not alone, the **grace of Christ is with us**. The Christian life **must stand like a beacon on the hill to lead others in this dim world. Christ and his values shines like a lighted city when seen by confused souls from valley of the worlds frustration and moral darkness.** Christ is calling us despite the challenges we are confronting in this world we live and he is telling us be **the salt of the earth and the light of the world despite the darkness.** let's not lose that flavor of the salt, we must preserve to protect the gospel. let's be like light enabling us to see **clearly and better** and through us we may lead others to God. As light of the world we **must light up conscience, minds and hearts of the community** through works of mercy by what Isaiah is telling us, **feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, giving clean water to the thirsty, visiting the sick and in prison and consoling the mourning.**

This is how we should **be the salt of the earth and the light of the world in a practical manner** which is the call of all Christians.