

FR.TK.REFLECTION 27th SUNDAY YEAR-A- 2026.

INSINCERE STEWARDS:

The parable of the vineyards sums up the story of redemption. The religious leaders of Israel were given the care of the vineyards but they abused, mistreated and even killed the messengers (The prophets) even the son of the owner (Jesus). The vineyards was and is given to new keepers you and me we are the new agents how are we going to tender the vineyard. Are we going to give the expected produce with sincerity? The vineyard is our world, society, families and professions what are we doing with them here and now! How are we caring for these vineyard? Working in one of the biggest wine producing County Napa, in California I have witnessed the amount of effort and input in producing the wine, the planning, consultations, agreements, action, preparing the farms planting, caring, harvesting, bottling, tasting, storing and selling needs a lot of effort and dedication No wonder the kingdom of heaven we must work for it otherwise it will be taken away from us and given to other tenants.

God has given us the stewardship it is up to us to care not as observers but as participants.

It is unfortunate and not uncommon to hear the desperate voice of parents and grandparents in tears after doing everything possible to the children they disappoint them badly. In Africa, they sell the only piece of land they own, cows goats chicken practically everything to send their children to school with expectations of supporting the parents afterwards but what they get is sometimes disappointments you hear the parents tearfully uttering these strong painful words ***what else could I have done for them.***

Imagine a parents who spend sleepless nights, earnings to care and educate his children to give the best education in Catholic school and some of the best institution in the state. Making sure they have the **doctrines, firm foundations** and **good discipline** for their future. Don't some end up in abusing all that? involving themselves into **drugs, alcoholism's, uncontrolled psychopathological sexual deviations**

all in the name of freedom influenced by modern technologies which has badly ***affected and infected*** our society negatively due to lack of censorship and serious control, all in the name of development. Consider this case which is not a story at all but a witnessed case. Parents who have literally raised their children well, took them to Catholic institution, one child quits university in the final year and decides to start a pub business at least he sends few bottles of whisky and brandy to the parents only Christmas, another child married to a rich guy, they don't believe in having children because this is a bother and obstacle to their frequent foreign trips traveling, the only way they connect with the parents is sending cards from different exotic places! Another married with three beautiful girls, he recently deserted the young family and took off with a young college girl, the last one relocated to Bahamas/Mombasa, Malindi, he dresses like a hippy having aimless life. In all these situations none go to the church despite the formation and dedication of parents it has no meaning for them. We must ***invoke the grace and mercy of God! What more could the parents have done and are going to do because all these is spreading all over the world like wild fire.***

Young people can you consider and spare the parents by giving them a breathing space of peace of mind, can you come back to your senses and redirect the power and strength you have in a constructive manner. We love you, we cherish you we plead with you with a lot of tears, the world is not going to be friendly. It is not too late the chance is still there.

God wants **humility, caring, justice, love, peace, authentic life** these are fruits of sincere stewardship but **idolatry of materialism, imagined short lived false pleasure, injustice, corruption, exploitation of the poor, vulnerable is bad stewardship.**