

## **FR.TK.REFLECTIONS FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR-B 2024.**

### **CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD:**

Whenever we talk about good shepherd my mind races back to East Africa to this particular tribe we call Maasai.They occupy some parts of Kenya and Tanzania near Mt.Kilimanjaro and Masai-Mara game park.

Apart from being renowned long distance runners,they are pastoralists and they have kept their traditions inspite of influence of modern technology.They crisscross the two countries from time time in search of pastures for their flock.They don't care about the boundaries restrictions so long as either side has pastures.They believe all the cows belong to them having being give by the creator and they should care for them at any cost.They are very sensitive to the well being of the flock,weather,predators,climate,wild animals, or anything which can affect the flock.They are aware of cattle rustles,potential disease.They know which sheep or cow needs attention,the sick,the limping,the expectant.They are very gentle to those which needs attention.They are with their flock rain season,dry season,night and day.What a good Shepard indeed.

They are good shepherd ready to lay down their life's for their flock.It is against this background that our gospel talk of Christ the good shephard who laid his life down for us and who is constantly taking care of us.

A good shephard will take care of his flock,he/she knows all the sheep well by name,**he listens to the flock,he cares,he has attention to all including those who doesn't belong to him,he is ready to die for the sheep.**This is the person of our Lord Jesus

Christ. He knows our **very inner self, our true name, he is available to us his flock, he knows our needs. The flock must listen to his voice.** We are in a world full of **many fragmentations, political affiliations, cultures, languages, nationalities there are so many voice indeed which can confuse the flock** if we single out his voice and adhere to it he will gather us together in the same paddock where each can call **home.** When we drift from the flock due to these other voice in our society, he is caring and concerned hence **seeks and call us back.** Are we going to listen to his voice or voices of the world? **if today you would listen to his voice harden not your heart.** In spite of the good shepherd, it is a pity to see so many people in our society, baptized, confirmed, commissioned. Who no longer follow his voice, or lean on his love but choose to look company and satisfaction on **drinks, drugs substances, wild weekend, sports or some replacement of the shepherding to ease their spiritual emptiness and loneliness.** Jesus is longing for their come back and he is telling us he will look for the lost. He is the good shepherd, **caring for the flock, he knows each by name, he cares for all even those who doesn't belong to his flock.** He gathers all the flock and sends **his grace to bring back those who have drifted and are ready to come, he brings light to those who have never belonged to the flock.**

**LETS MAKE THE WORLD BETTER BY SHEPHARDING ONE ANOTHER. LETS BE A MAASAI TO SOMEONE.**