

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR-C-2025:

THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

Whenever we talk of good Shepherd my mind races back to this pastoral community we call Maasai of Kenya and Tanzania. These are very serious pastolists and believe all cattle and goats belong to them having being given by their creator, hence no one should own. This brings a lot of frictions from other tribes thus bringing cattle rustling.

They mind and care of the flock regardless of the situation. They will criss-cross all the boundaries in so long as there is pasture. They mind about the well being of flock, during the rainy, dry season, sickness, and in case of attack from other animals/predators they would rather die than leave their flock. They fight lions with spears in protection of their flock. They know their flock by name. We can learn so much about caring from them as good committed shepherds.

It is against this background that our gospel (Jn. 10:27-30) talks of good shepherd. Purse snaring is not uncommon these days almost in all the towns, shopping malls, streets especially in Nairobi Kenya you must be very careful with your Cellphone, watch, chain, even golden teeth!. Our lord today is talking about **sheep-snatching** who would steal the sheep. We live in a world of **imperfection, emotional crisis, crimes, conflicts, hatred, grace, love and even sin. It is not a perfect world at all.** There are so many **attractive but misleading voices which will derail us in our Christianity.** We need a **a good caring shepherd, to lead us, pull us away from those tempting attractive voices.** Shepherd who **knows, the sheep attentive to the needs, knows them by name, ready to direct and call the sheep**

back,listening,who knows the personal life,care for the sick ones,and who is available to the flock in all the needs,such a shepherd can be seen in the person of Jesus Christ who even gave up his life for the sake of the sheep.

The sheep must **listen to the voice of the shepherd and follow his voice inspite of the conflicting voices in our world.**How are we taking care of the flock under our care as **parents,teachers,priests nuns,Drs,nurses,lawyers,politicians.**We are called to tender the flock despite their,**political,cultural,religious,traditions,language affiliations.**If we listen to the chief shepherd Christ,he will **take care that no one will snatch us from him.he will gather us as one flock,into one field where we will feel safe,protected peaceful and can call it home.**

He is inviting us today to **listen to his voice*if today you would listen to his voice harden not your hearts***are your going to listen to his voices? He is today **commissioning us through his grace to go after the lost,confused,sick,and the stranded** to bring each home.This is our mission of the resurrection.Can you be an instrument and a Maasai shepherd to some one today?

LET US SHEPHERD EACH OTHER AND MAKE THE WORLD BETTER.