

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER 2026:

THE MASTERS VOICE:

Whenever we talk of good shepherds, my mind will always switch to one of the great tribe in Kenya by the name Maasai. These are PASTORILISTS community and they believe all the animals belongs to them and no other tribe should have! They are nomadic people moving from one place to another in search of pastures for their cows, goats and sheep. They inhabit the Maasai Mara in Kenya and a lot of Serengeti in Tanzania. They go where there is pasture regardless of regional boundaries. They know their flock by name and they take care of them, when they are sick, attacked by wild animals like lions and the young ones. They are indeed good shepherds.

It is in this background today's gospel seems to be based on the good shepherd. The Lord speaks of himself as a good shepherd. Jesus says the sheep follows the shepherd because they recognize his voice. The challenge we have today Jesus us to listen to the masters voice in the middle of competing voices and the sounds demanding our attention, **conflicting noise assaulting our senses and challenging our beliefs, values and loyalties.** What voices are we accustomed to hear is what matters on what we will filter in
` counteracting these conflicting voices.

Today we hear the sounds of extreme from many sides in the Middle East, **the sound of terrorism trying to justify their atrocities, the sound of amorality** heard on so many televisions programme, the sounds of **scandals in the churches and families justification of corruption injustices in politics,** These sounds are very powerful, we hear them on talks radio, television songs, newspapers

spokespersons and even in extreme groups all trying to derail us from the voice of the good shepherd. These voices have always been around but today they are too loud because they are amplified by the media. In spite of all these amplifications, there is still the voice of the good shepherd. Speaking to us. He is speaking to us through **the scriptures and through the church**, He is calling us to a deeper more **honest and more deeper spiritual productivity**. He is calling us to have conversion, experience **redemption, forgiveness and new life**. We must go for this. What matters all these voices will ever be there but our concern should be **what voices are filling our ears and mind. are we listening to the voice of good shepherd or to the voices in radios and televisions?** which voices are guiding our life. Let's take the truth of the voice of good shepherd to our places of work, study and this will help so many in renewing their commitment to the church. The call is living the truth of the word of God always and everywhere.

In the middle of the crises we face today, let's follow the voice of the good as it comes through the gospel. **Let's listen to the master's voice always.**