



**21 April 2024**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - B**



### **INTRODUCTION:**

Dear friends, today we rejoice in the Lord, our Shepherd, who lays down his life for us, his sheep and in whose power it is to take it up again. Let us surrender our lives to Jesus, our Good Shepherd to whom we belong and are called to imitate.

### **READINGS:**

**First Reading:** Acts 4: 8-12  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 118: 1& 8-9, 21-23, 26 & 28-29  
**Second Reading:** 1Jn 3: 1-2  
**Gospel:** Jn 10: 11-18

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

#### **CELEBRANT:**

Let us now entrust all our needs to our Good Shepherd who always watches over us.

**RESPONSE: Good Shepherd, hear us.**

We pray for Pope Francis, the Bishops, priests and the religious that imitating the Good Shepherd, they may shepherd the flock entrusted to their care with diligence and discernment. **R/**

We pray for our country, that at the various phases of elections held throughout the country, our people may elect judiciously for the Common Good of all. **R/**

We pray for our Families, that the Parents may shepherd their homes caringly and nurture their families with love and understanding.

We pray for Teachers and all who mould young minds that they may lead by their example imitating Christ, the Servant-Leader. **R/**

We pray for our Small Christian Communities that treading the path of servant leadership, our Communities may become true communion of faith and love. **R/**

We pray for our personal intentions... **R/**

**CELEBRANT:** O Shepherd of souls, You laid down your life for us, so that we may have abundant life. Grant that imitating you our Lord and Master, we too may Shepherd the Church in your likeness of loving service, You who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.