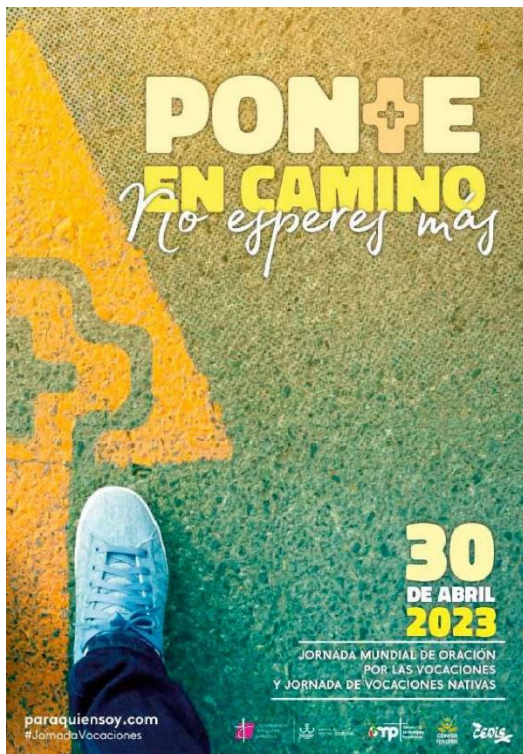




4th Sunday of EASTER
30th of APRIL 2023 - Cycle A
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GET ON YOUR WAY



FOR PURE LOVE

SETTING

On this fourth Easter Sunday, in which Jesus presents himself as the Good Shepherd.

Give me your joy, carry me in your arms, Good Shepherd, you who are, care, affection, tenderness, protection, esteem of all, listen.

You Lord, are the friend, who always accompanies us. I want to hear your voice, which calls me, which counts on me, with everyone because this is the life to which you invite us, to which you send us to bring to others your warm voice, your simple gesture, the opportunity that you offer us every day. You are the life that is given to us; let us prepare to make our way, to be and to be in the world with open eyes and hearts talking about you, living as your followers.

SONG. The lord is my shepherd - NICO Brian Boniwell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kor3IjrTd58>

GOSPEL – John 10, 1-10

Jesus said: “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but jumps in another way, is a thief and bandit; but he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. The guard opens to this one and the sheep listen to his voice, and he calls his sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, they walk before them, and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice: to a stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers. Jesus put this comparison to them, but they did not understand what he was talking about. That is why Jesus added: “Truly, truly, I say to you: I am the gate of the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door: whoever enters through me will be saved and will be able to go in and out, and will find pasture. The thief enters only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life and have it abundantly”.

We deepen the Gospel

The coherence of the texts for this Sunday is particularly striking! The Psalm, the second reading and now the gospel bring us into the fold. The Psalm, which compared God's relationship with Israel to a shepherd's care for his flock, said: “The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing; He makes me rest on green meadows.” In the second reading, Saint Peter compared men, who do not believe in Jesus Christ, with lost sheep: “you were wandering like sheep; but now you have returned to the shepherd who watches over you”. And in the gospel, Jesus develops his long speech about the good shepherd. Let us keep the phrase of the prophet Isaiah who insists on God's solicitude for his people: “God, who loves them tenderly, will lead them, and will lead them to the bodies of water, so that they can refresh themselves” (Is 49, 9). At the same time, the prophets did not cease to warn against bad shepherds who represent a real danger to the sheep.

John takes up these familiar themes in today's Gospel, in the form of two small successive comparisons: that of the shepherd and, later,

that of the door. Juan is in charge of introducing them, both one and the other, with the solemn formula: "Amen, amen, I assure you." Now, this expression always opens to something new. But, precisely, the theme of the shepherd was well known. Where was the novelty? On the other hand, John specifies that these two parables are addressed to the Pharisees: Jesus tells them the first, but, John tells us, "They did not understand what Jesus wanted to tell them." And that is when Jesus chains with the second. One can guess the patience of Jesus that this new attempt to convince his audience inspires in him: "I am the door of the sheep; if someone enters through me, they will be saved". Which is another way of saying that he is the Messiah, the saviour: through him, the flock accesses true life: "I have come so that humanity may have life and have it in abundance." Which is almost a confidence: **In this way, Jesus reveals to us why he has come.**

To finish, here is a lesson from today's gospel: Jesus tells us that the sheep follow the shepherd because they recognize his voice. Behind this pastoral image, you can read the life of faith. That is right, our contemporaries will not follow Christ, they will not be his disciples, if we do not make the voice of Christ resonate and we do not make the Word of God known. **Let us hear, once again, the call to make heard by all means, "the sound of your voice".**

Clues for Prayer

- What feeling does knowing that you are called by Jesus Christ, the Lord, provoke in you?
- What elements do you find in the words of Jesus that invites you to relive your first love which helps you to think with hope of a Congregation, a Church that is more of communities?
- What Life, of the one brought by Jesus Christ, the Lord, do you generate around you?

AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Live to love – PAUL CARDALL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-dpvZztjks>

By VOCATION to love

Lord of Life,
I look for you.
I want to find you
in everything, especially
in the smile,
in the kind words,
in the tender gestures,
in the hands that welcome,
in warm eyes
in the residence house,
in open friendship,
in the serene walk,
in the dream of peace,
on the path that unites
And so show you
share you,
express yourself
And walk roads
among them, yours.
Be a disciple and witness,
talk about you,
spread the passion
what I feel,
get closer to everyone,
so that they may know you,
They love you, they follow you.
(Prayer for vocations, HCSA-2023)

SONG. Shepherd of my soul – Toto

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dtqliuDZIKA>



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