

WELCOME LECTIO 4th Sunday of Easter, 2021 (B)

Good afternoon, buenas tardes, bon soir and good morning to all of you who are joining us for our Lectio.

In the Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter we will encounter Jesus describing himself as the good shepherd who knows the sheep and who will lay down his life for them.

This Sunday is also designated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations and I could not help but think of Pope Francis urging priests to “be shepherds with the smell of the sheep.” In whichever way we are serving God in the church, Jesus’ self-giving love urges all of us on to stay close to God’s people and -again in the words of Pope Francis- to put our own heart on the line.

Let us pray:

Compassionate God, we pray for all discerning their calling in life: that they may courageously respond to God’s invitation.

May all of us become more mindful to the struggles and concerns of others, and encouraged by God’s infinite care for us, freely give of our lives in loving service to all those in need. We ask this in the name of the risen Jesus. Amen.