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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

Beloved Pilgrims of Hope,

Greetings of peace, love, joy and hope!

“Embracing the Good Shepherd in the Jubilee Year of Hope”

Jesus, the Son of God, reveals Himself in many ways, each one an invitation to draw near to Him, to listen, and to be transformed by His endless love. Through His teachings, He desires that all people come to know who He truly is, not as a distant figure but as a God who walks with us, seeking intimacy with each of us. He yearns for His disciples, and for us today, to recognize His voice, believe in Him, and come into communion with the heart of the Father. His way is profound yet simple, practical yet deeply spiritual. He speaks in a manner that resonates in the depths of human souls, calling all to encounter the living God.

In the tenth chapter of his Gospel, John paints a beautiful image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, one who knows His sheep and leads them with care and love. This message comes alive on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, aptly named Good Shepherd Sunday. Through the Scriptures of this day, the theme of shepherding emerges as a reminder of God’s ever-present guidance, inviting us to entrust ourselves fully to his loving embrace.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter stands boldly as a witness to the truth about Jesus. His words stir the hearts of his listeners, and like a shepherd, he leads them toward conversion and the promise of salvation in Christ. His testimony reminds us that a life of faith is a life of transformation, one in which hearts are opened, renewed, and filled with divine grace.

This sacred journey of discipleship, of following Jesus, begins with listening, listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd, who calls each of us by name. To follow Him is to surrender to His will, trusting that He will lead us to green pastures, to the fullness of life, joy, and peace. His path is never one of confusion or fear; it is a path of hope that we celebrate in this Jubilee Year, a hope that lifts one’s burdens, restores weary hearts, and breathes new life into our souls.

Now, more than ever, the Lord calls us to hear His voice with renewed faith. As we step forward in this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us open our hearts and minds, responding to His call with confidence. May the Good Shepherd lead us ever deeper into the promise of life, grace, and eternal love.

Your fellow pilgrim of hope,

Fr. Pascual