

Dear Parish Family,

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter—often called Good Shepherd Sunday—we hear Jesus proclaim: “I am the gate for the sheep.” This simple yet powerful image reminds us that Christ is not only our shepherd who guides us, but also the very door through which we find life, safety, and salvation.

To enter through Jesus the Gate means to trust Him, to listen to His voice, and to allow Him to lead us. In a world full of competing voices and uncertain paths, He offers clarity, purpose, and peace. He does not force the door open; rather, He invites us to freely choose to enter, to remain close to Him, and to live in the fullness of His love.

Today, the Church also observes the Day of Prayer for Vocations. This is a beautiful reminder that the Good Shepherd continues to call men and women to serve His flock as priests, deacons, and religious. At the same time, every Christian has a vocation—a calling to live out God’s love in a unique way. Whether in marriage, priesthood, consecrated life, or single life, each vocation is a path through which we enter more deeply into Christ’s life and mission.

Let us pray today in a special way:

- For those whom the Lord is calling, that they may hear His voice clearly and respond with courage and generosity.
- For our families, that they may foster an openness to God’s call.
- And for all of us, that we may recognize Jesus as the Gate and choose each day to walk through Him.

May we never be afraid to entrust our lives to the Good Shepherd, who knows us, loves us, and leads us to abundant life.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr. Rolando