

Weekend of March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

This new Mass schedule will stay in effect until the Covid-19 crisis is over. Thanks for your patience.

Barona:

Mass: Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM. @ Shrine

Saturday: 5:00 PM mass

Sunday: Sunday 8:00 AM. @ church

Confessions: By appointment only

Adoration: 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).

Viejas:

Sunday: Sunday, 10:30 AM. @ Church

Confessions: By appointment only.

Sycuan:

Sunday: Sunday Mass 12:30 noon @ the Church

Confessions: By appointment only

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Sue Kierig, , Donna Berardi, Vicaldo Family, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Irmira Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Robert and Margie Cruz, Rick Lechner, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, Manny Ilagan, George Arviso, Ernie and Emy Lampa, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Nicanor and Evacueto Elman, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Juan Miguel, Bert Zita, AJ & Angela Samot, Deacon Gene Neral, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Romero Family

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Barona : K-8, Wednesday afternoons,
3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sycuan: 2nd year youth class – 10:30 a.m.



“Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ!” With this belief, Jesus is able to work marvels through those who trust in Him, even to raising the dead to new life.”

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM, Barona.
Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel

MARCH AND APRIL EVENTS



Fridays during Lent at 5:00 PM at Barona.

3/29 Wednesday– Anointing of the Sick – 10:00 a.m. at Viejas

3/30 Thursday– Chrism mass, 4:00 p.m. – Good Shepherd Church

4/4 Tuesday – Anointing of the Sick, 10:00 AM at Sycuan

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday, regular mass schedule

Tuesday, April 4 – Holy Tuesday mass, 8:00 AM, Barona

Wednesday, April 5 – Holy Wednesday mass, 8:00 AM, Barona

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 6 – **HOLY THURSDAY**, 6:30 PM at Barona – All reservations invited

Friday, April 7 – **GOOD FRIDAY** mass, 3:00 PM, one service for all reservations

Saturday, April 8 – **HOLY SATURDAY** – Barona
10:00 AM – rehearsal
8:00 PM – Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 9 – **EASTER** – regular mass schedule
ZOOM LENTEN SERIES with Brother Ed Nolan

We will explore the dynamic relationship between Christ and the biblical persons in the Lenten scriptural readings and the Way of the Cross. There are many relationships Jesus has that can strengthen our faith and shed light and insight into our own evolving spiritual life.

When: 3/22, 3/29 & 4/5

Time: 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Please email Sandy at bktparish@aol.com with your email and you will be sent the zoom link and a reminder the day before.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Jesus, Our Resurrection and Our Life

A reflection on the 5th Sunday of Lent

In this Fifth Sunday of Lent, we hear from the Gospel of St. John about two seemingly different sides of Jesus today: First, His *Human Side*. We hear that Jesus loved his friends, Martha, Mary and Lazarus. He apparently had spent some significant time with them, and they were a place of intimacy, rest, and relaxation for him as he was doing his public ministry. This is something that everyone needs, even Christ himself. But then Jesus hears that his friend is dying. And he comes to the grave, and it all seems to hit him at once. He sees Mary coming to him weeping. He sees the mourners wailing the death. He no doubt noticed the strange absence of his friend Lazarus. And so he becomes perturbed and troubled, asking "Where have you laid him?" And when they show him the tomb, we receive the shortest line in this wonderful Gospel – "And Jesus wept." Jesus wept. He was overcome with emotion for love of his friend, and he couldn't help but weep. This certainly shows forth the verity of his human nature. He really is a man, and he really does love.

But immediately afterwards, Jesus shows us the Second aspect of himself, His *Divine Side*. He gives us the greatest miracle in his public ministry – he raises his friend Lazarus from the dead. He orders that the tomb be opened, and the people reluctantly do so, although they know that there will be a stench, because this man is definitely dead. But Jesus already knows this, and he is determined to show the power that he has over death. And then, in an unforgettable way, Jesus called into the tomb and orders the dead man forth. You see, in this miracle, we see that Christ isn't just some guy, some ordinary Jewish man at the funeral. No, he is truly God, and this caused people to believe in him. People who had thought that death was the final answer, and that the story of Lazarus was over, are proven wrong. And they come to believe in him.

For me, this is a powerful passage because it's one that we, people can connect to. It shows us that Christ weeps for the deceased, just as those of us who mourn do. But this passage isn't just about earthly death, but that death that we all experience daily because of our sins. Each time we sin, we embrace death again. Sadly, there are people out

there who have no idea that they are spiritually dying inside, or worse yet, that they are already dead. And in a way, that sin effects Christ. He weeps for our sins. He weeps for us when we experience the sting of spiritual death, and he weeps with us as we're suffering its effects. But it isn't enough for us simply to be grateful that Christ is a shoulder to cry on or something. It isn't enough to see him as a nice guy who we can talk to when we're having a rough day or when we're struggling with some sin. Christ can actually do something about it! In the midst of all that spiritual death, we have to remember that just as he told Martha and Mary, Christ himself is the resurrection and the life. He is the source of life, and he is our very reason for living. He wants to call us forth from that tomb of our sinfulness, and to untie us from the burial clothes that have become chains – chains of sin. But as with the Gospel, this takes faith. We have to seek him out.

The season of Lent is indeed about death. But it's not the death of sin, but rather a death to ourselves. It is about dying to those things that keep us from God, and embracing the life that Christ offers to us. Christ offers us special opportunities during Lent to embrace this life through the sacraments – Reconciliation and the Eucharist, especially. So if you haven't gone to confession yet, or even if you have, try to go soon, before Lent is over. And as we continue on our Lenten pilgrimage, trying to be mindful of Christ as our Resurrection and Life, maybe we can ask ourselves a few questions.

In what ways have I been dying? Such as from the wrath of sin or things that Christ is calling me away from?)

In what ways is Christ calling me to die to myself and embrace the life that he offers?

May we listen to his call, and when he calls us forth from the tombs of our sin, may we run to him and embrace him as our friend and Lord.

Happy 5th Sunday of Lent!