Weekend of April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

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).

<u>Viejas:</u>

Sunday: Sunday, 10:30 AM. @ Church Confessions: By appointment only.

<u>Sycuan:</u>

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, Irmina 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, Annie McTavish, John Francis

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: 2^{nd} year youth class -10:30 a.m.



He is Risen! Salvation has been won, the power of death is broken. Be inspired by Christ's triumph over death that you might be a confident witness of His Resurrection.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

APRIL

Thursday, April 27 – 5:00 PM at Barona Clubhouse – Native American Martyr's Meeting

MAY

Sunday, May 7 – May Crowning at Viejas May queen will be Angelina TeSam.



Calling Anyone & Everyone and all former May Queens

Flower Making Schedule for 2023 May Crowning at Viejas

Every Monday & Wednesday at 5:00 pm Starting April 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 May 1 and 3

<u>Location</u>: Viejas Catholic Church – Kateri Hall



Prayer During the Easter Season

Heavenly Father and God of mercy,
we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,
for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.
From the waters of death, you raise us with him
and renew your gift of life within us.
Increase in our minds and hearts
the risen life we share with Christ
and help us to grow as your people
toward the fullness of eternal life with you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
The Liturgy of the Hours

PASTOR'S CORNER Christ is Risen Alleluia!

A reflection on Easter Sunday

The Trappist monks in their eternal silence greet one another, when they meet: "Memento Mori!" that means, "Remember, you will die!" But on Easter they change this greeting and say: "Memento Vivere!" that means "Remember that you will live!" This means also that one good day we will also rise with Christ at the end of time. But it means equally well: "see to it that you live the life of the risen Lord," if we want to rise with Him in paradise.

Christ had foretold that He would rise from the dead. In the gospel of St. Mark, He said: "The Son of man had to suffer much, he will be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, He will be put to death and rise three days later," (8:31;). His resurrection proved Him right in claiming this truth of our Catholic faith. He was not a deceiver. If we can trust Him on that score we can trust Him for the rest of His teaching as well. He gave us hope of our own resurrection.

Jesus' foretold of his resurrection is a promise that filled the hearts and minds of His disciples with joy. Had he not risen from the dead, "our faith," according to St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians (15:14), would be in vain, our faith would be empty.

This resurrection of Jesus was witnessed by no other than three persons namely:

First were the women who were close to Jesus, by the name of Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They were the ones who brought the good news to His apostles. They told the apostles that the tomb was empty and this is a proof that Christ is really raised from the dead. They felt the twin emotion of fear and joy especially when appeared to them in physical reality and commanded them to tell His brothers.

Second was St. Peter. When addressing the Jews, he appeals to the authority of David by quoting Psalm 16:8-11 to explain that great event of Christ's resurrection. "God raised Jesus, we are witnesses."

Third is the counter-testimony of the non-believers in Jesus Christ which were represented by the guards and the high priests.

According to Bishop Socrates Villegas of the Archdiocese of Manila, in his homily book entitled *Jesus In My heart*, he said that Jesus gives us two things to remember always:

First is the gift of hope. That someday, just like Him, we will be resurrected and this gift is freely given and free of charge. Every Mass is an opportunity of gift giving. I suppose you and I are in the Church because we want to give ourselves to God. Now, after giving ourselves as a gift to God, what do we expect from Him? If you expect to be spared from all dangers; if you expect to win a game; if you expect, then, frankly speaking, you did not offer a gift to God. You offered a bribe. A gift is freely given without expecting any return or any reward. No gift is to be taken back by the giver.

Let us ask ourselves why we come to church. Is it to merit God's kingdom. Let us always remember that God does not expect from us any bribe but rather faithfulness to Him.

The second thing is, to be like Him or Christ-like. The disciples of Jesus Christ were first called Christians in Antioch 50 years after the resurrection of Jesus. Imagine, 50 years. We become Christians through Baptism. What is so special about being a Christian? It is not simply citizenship in a particular society or membership in an organization or club. To be a Christian means, to be another Christ. This is why, baptism is called "Christening", and we are initiated into Christ.

Is there enough proof of our life to show we are Christians? Since we are Christians, we should speak, think, smile like Jesus Christ. If we fail to do so, we fail as disciples of Jesus Christ. How can we rise with Him if we do not live His life?

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christus resurrexit! Resurrexit vere! Christ is risen! He is truly Risen!

