

Weekend of April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

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....

Vicaldo Family, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Wendy Reyes, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, George Arviso, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Juan Miguel, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Romero Family, Annie McTavish, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Blanca Lechner, Paolo Espiritu, John Clark, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Mark Noriega, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke, Colleen Crowden, Jeff Ashii, Pamela Nolan CSC, Rosario and Paul Estepa, Haley Price, Mark Marquez, Lulu Cabinatan, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Alex Banegas, Fr. Dominic Asare, SVD

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Barona: Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.
with Alyssa Parada*

Sacramental Preparation with Mark Price are ongoing each Wednesday.

Viejas: 3:00 PM

Barona: 4:30 PM

Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM, Barona.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel

APRIL

Wednesday, April 24 – 11:30 AM, Native American Crest Meeting at Barona, lunch will be provided.

Sunday, April 28 – Children’s mass at all reservations.

Fr. Herman will be away from April 14 after masses to April 23 for Easter break.

A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe

And in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live

As brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

Help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,

So precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

That we may protect the world and not prey on it,

That we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts,

Of those who look only for gain

At the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

To be filled with awe and contemplation,

To recognize that we are profoundly united

With every creature

As we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle

For justice, love and peace.

- Pope Francis, Laudate Si'

PASTOR'S CORNER

Be Not Afraid: Jesus is With Us

A reflection on the 3rd Sunday of Easter

The Gospel presents Jesus as a suffering Messiah. And Luke's report about how Jesus showed his hands and feet which must have borne the marks of the nails, serves to reinforce the image of Jesus as one who has suffered much. But for all the drama and emotion that the crucifixion evokes, it's not really the wounds, the pain and suffering that make Jesus special. Instead what sets Jesus apart is the fact that He has conquered pain and suffering—even death. He went to hell and has come back.

I used to be very scared of dark places. I remember how my father would go to a dark room and tell me that there were no ghosts or monsters inside. And that it would not be that scary anymore. Until one summer in the Philippines just when all my siblings were back home for their summer vacation from college, something happened unexpectedly. Though, I was happy at that time because I just turned 13 on my birthday in April 20, there was one very important person missing. My mother was at the hospital because she was having serious breathing problems. She was having asthmatic attacks. My dad, being a doctor, himself needed an oxygen tank plus other machines that my mother needed. However, my mother was with my aunt Paz in the hospital while we were at home celebrating my birthday.

At home, we were about to celebrate my birthday on that evening. My siblings and I were all waiting for my dad's special menu to be cooked—his famous *pansit* (*Fried Noodles*). It symbolizes long life in the Philippines. However, there was one ingredient missing that I was assigned to get it way up on the 3rd floor of our house of which nobody was there. So, I asked my niece to accompany me upstairs because I was scared of the dark. As soon as we arrived, I immediately turned the lights on and put my niece on my shoulders, then ran downstairs and -----fell. I screamed as loud as I can and everybody went up to see us. Luckily, I was ok still carrying my niece and the bottle not

broken. Until now, I still cannot understand why my siblings asked me, "What did I see that caused me to fall from the stairs. I did not realize later that it will have a connection to what will happen the next day.

The following day, when we went back to the hospital, my aunt told us that my mother called my name out loud and became unconscious afterwards. Yes, it was at the same time, my mother called my name out loud when I was calling from the stairs. Could had it been my mother whom I missed because I was so focused on my fear? I never had the chance to talk to my mother. She was unconscious up to her death. I was taken away from the sight of her death because they did not want to see a young boy see a dying mother which would have been so painful to me. I was so wounded as young as I was. My mother died the day after I celebrated my birthday.

When we were young, everybody knew of the pain or sorrow that we had. In contrast, as adults, we hide our wounds. We brush our hearts. We don't talk or even think of our death. All these scare us. But that Jesus has conquered them gives us hope. There might be glitches in our execution, but if we keep on going at it, we'll eventually get better, as the famous prayer "Footprints in the Sand" says, "if we could no longer walk He will carry us through." And He sure knows the way because He has been there and done that already. And more importantly, Jesus himself has given the assurance to his followers saying that even if "in the world you will have trouble (but) take courage, I have conquered the world" (Jn (16:33).

Jesus has entered the dark room and has assured us that there are no ghosts or monsters inside only darkness that will soon give way to light.

