

**Weekend of April 30, 2023**  
*Fourth 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....**

Sue Kierig, , Donna Berardi, Vicaldo Family, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, 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, 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, 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, Orlando Nicolas, Blanca Lechner, Rose Magginni**  
*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

**Prayer for the Holy Spirit**

O Lord, who have mercy upon all,  
Take away from me my sins,  
And mercifully kindle in me the fire of thy Holy Spirit.  
Take away from me the heart of stone,  
And give me a heart of flesh,  
a heart to love and adore Thee, a heart to delight in Thee,  
to follow and enjoy Thee, for Christ's sake. Amen.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

***MAY***

**Sunday, May 7 – 10:00 AM** May  
Crowning at **Viejas**, May queen will be Angelina TeSam. One mass for all reservations.

**May 8-20 – Fr. Herman will be gone.**

**Sunday, May 28 – 10:00 AM** May  
Crowning at **Barona**. May queen will be Daniela Osuna. One mass for all reservations.



**Calling Anyone & Everyone and all former May Queens**

Flower Making Schedule for 2023 May  
Crowning at Viejas

Every Monday & Wednesday at 5:00 pm  
April 26, May 1 and 3

Location: Viejas Catholic Church – Kateri Hall



‘Repent and be baptized!’ Our life as Christian disciples is a constant conversion to the Lord, we must constantly live out the commitments made at our own Baptism.

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# **PASTOR'S CORNER**

## **The Incomparable Love of a Good Shepherd**

A reflection on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

This Sunday is called, “Good Shepherd Sunday”. Jesus calls Himself, the Good Shepherd because he knows each one of us his flock and he lays down his life for us. Hence, as a Good Shepherd, he emphasizes God’s love for us which is important for us to reflect upon.

The message of God’s love is one the Jews of His time did not understand. We are not sure why. Perhaps it is because they expected the Messiah to be a warrior king who would deliver them from their conquerors. That picture did not square at all with the image of a gentle, kindly, forgiving Messiah. There are none so blind as those who will not see.

Yet God certainly tried hard enough to explain to his people what the Messiah would be like. The prophets described him as the suffering servant, a bruised reed, and time and time again, he rescued the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt, from hunger and thirst in the desert, from Seraph serpents and delivered them into the land of milk and honey.

The image of God the Father as a loving parent is continued by Jesus throughout the gospels. Jesus forgave the woman caught in adultery, He compares His Father to the father of the prodigal son, He forgives the adulterous woman, works a cure for the woman at the well, promises paradise to the thief on the cross and spends His time healing the sick. Like Father, like Son

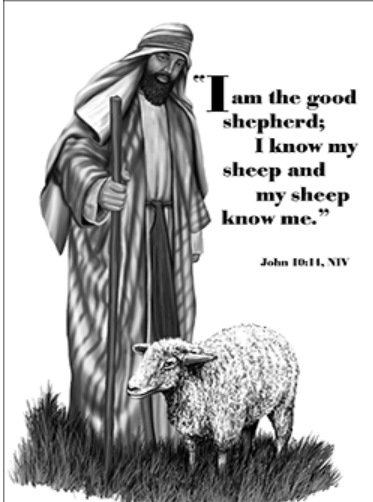
In today’s gospel we are depicted as sheep. Jesus describes the love He has for His flock. “I am the good shepherd” He says. Then He lists 3 things that qualify Him to be called the good shepherd.

*First, The Good Shepherd is not a hireling.* He doesn’t work for pay. He directs the comment at the Pharisees who were legally the official shepherds of the Jewish people but who were apparently only interested in their own personal welfare. The only compensation Jesus asks is to be loved in return.

*Second, the Good Shepherd knows His flock.* Nobody likes to be called “What’s his name”. We like to be known, to be recognized and respected. The good Shepherd knows each member of His flock by name.

*Third, the Good Shepherd will lay down His life for His sheep ....* and He did. Jesus once said that no greater love exists in the world that when a person lays down his life for his friend.

This beautiful little word picture of Christ the Good Shepherd is something that strikes home; it makes sense. However, there is one condition, one proviso, gently inserted: They are my sheep who know Me in the same way the Father knows Me; they are My sheep if they hear My voice; for these sheep I gladly give my life.



**I** am the good shepherd;  
I know my sheep and my sheep know me."

John 10:11, NIV