

Weekend of March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

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, Walter Rapczak, 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, Fr. Dominic Asare, SVD

Please check the 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

MARCH

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 26- Holy Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. mass

March 27 – Holy Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. mass

TRIDUUM

Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday mass, 6:30 p.m., Barona clubhouse

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday service with Stations of the Cross, 3:00 p.m., Barona

Saturday, March 30 – Easter Vigil mass, 8 pm or when the sun sets, Barona

Sunday, March 31 – Easter mass at all reservations, regular times.

On Palm Sunday

**Lord our God, now the time is fulfilled
when the poor are saved
and the captives set free;
may the passion of your Son
reveal your patient love for us;
and on this Palm Sunday
may we experience already a foretaste
of the glory of the Resurrection.
Blessed be you, Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

PASTOR'S CORNER
Be Open and Childlike
In
Holy Week

It is that time of the year again that we celebrate the holiest days of the year starting from Palm Sunday and then come together as one family on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. It is always a good experience for a missionary priest like me to bring people from 3 Indian Reservations to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord as one family.

I want to start off with something that is familiar to you: The Footprints on the Sand-----

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him, and he questioned the LORD about it:

“LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you’d walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don’t understand why when I needed you most you would leave me.”

The LORD replied: “My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.”

Today is Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion. This Palm Sunday happens on the sixth and final Sunday of Lent and today we begin the Holy Week celebration. We begin with the blessing of palm leaves. The blessing of palm leaves and the procession we made marks the triumphant entry of Jesus to the city of Jerusalem. Jesus entered the city on a donkey and the people shouted: “Hosanna to the Son of David!” and scattered palm leaves and branches on the road. I wear red vestments symbolizing Jesus’ joyful and triumphant entry to Jerusalem.

The gospel we read in the Mass today is the Passion narrative telling us about the shameful, cruel and bloody death of Jesus on the cross. The people who

shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David” were the same people who shouted, “Crucify Him!” and the red liturgical vestments I wear seem now to symbolize agony, blood and martyrdom. So, there is a change of mood here. When He was arrested, His own circle of friends, the apostles and those who shouted at Him, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David,’ rejected Him. In His lowest moment and darkest hour, he was rejected, denied and shunned even by His relatives and close friends. Unlike in the *Footprints in the Sand*, in our darkest hour, Jesus does not abandon us but carry us in our trying moments.

This change of mood reflects our faith life Fr Rudy Horst, SVD said in his homily on this occasion. There are moments when we are enthusiastic about Him, about our Church and our faith but then this is followed by moments of doubts, of rejection of certain things which we personally dislike because they go against our lifestyle and habits. Often, we are like the palm leaves, green and beautiful today but dry, brown and withered in few days.

That is why Fr. Jerry Orbos, SVD in his book, *Inquirer Moments Cycle B*, wished that we will be infected with SARS, not the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome but SARS, that is, we will become Sincere and Repentant Sinners. As individuals, as a family and as a nation, we must bend our knees and beg forgiveness for our sins against Him and against one another. As Sincere and Repentant Sinners Fr. Orbos suggested the following important to follow:

First is, always be open to God’s voice, calling you to come back to Him and to turn away from your evil ways. Take time to really listen to God. Open your heart to real conversion and real change of heart. Make a good confession and be at peace with God. You know why you don’t have true confession and peace? Because you are closed.

Second is, stop irritating and stop hurting others. Ask for forgiveness and pray for the people you may have heart, cheated, used or abused. Spend this week expressing thank you’s to people whom we love. These are not only in words but in deeds and concrete actions. Make the firm decision to stop hurting and start loving.

Third is, cut off your pleasures and vices in life. Life is not one big epicurean holiday. Some people think and desire life to be one grand pleasure cruise. Instead of focusing on a cruise, focus on the cross. Power, money and pleasures, all these make life happy and easy but they leave us vain, miserable and empty. Think about it: a few moments of pleasure can lead to a lifetime of misery without measure.

Let us meet Him once again in this season of Lent
and ushers Him into our lives with childlike faith and
openness.