

# Weekend of March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Holy Thursday, April 1** – 5:00 PM, Barona at the shrine

**Good Friday, April 2** – Stations of the Cross, 3:00 PM, Barona at the shrine

**Holy Saturday, April 3** – 7:00 PM, Barona at the shrine

**Easter Day, April 4** – 8:00 AM Barona at the shrine, 10:30 AM Viejas, 12 PM Sycuan

## Lenten Regulations

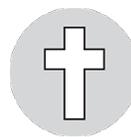
### Good Friday

**Abstinence** from meat.

**Fasting** Good Friday. This means all are obliged not to eat in between meals and the main meal is not to equal the two smaller meals. For health reasons, this obligation is dispensed.

### Just a reminder!

Father's salary is due for those who make payments yearly or twice a year. For those who give monthly, please continue. Thank you so much.



### An Easter Prayer

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 water 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. We are presented with two options in today's Mass: do we welcome Christ into Jerusalem or scream out to crucify Him? Our

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

**Sunday:** Sunday 8:00 AM. @ Shrine

**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 12:00 noon @ the Church

**Confessions:** By appointment only



Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony and Diana Pico, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Helen Cadiente, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Agnes Ruiz, Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Debbie Gonzalez, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Anthony Harut Haurutuynian, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Eugene "Gino" Vicaldo, Skylar Rosas, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Lisa Black, Jan Jacobs, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks  
*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

PARTICIPATE IN MASS

by livestreaming with Fr. Herman

***Please note weekday Mass time change***

Weekdays, Tues-Friday at 8:00 AM,

Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM

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willingness to give testimony to Christ helps determine where we are.

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## **The Passion of Christ**

### **A reflection on Palm Sunday**

What I'm presenting here is not at all to tell or critique the film produced and directed by Mel Gibson. Well, it is just that the Passion of Christ is what we are celebrating this Sunday. Now the title gives us a clue that something unusual is happening. Because of COVID 19, our celebration would have started differently today with a gospel reading outside of the Church followed by our procession into church to reenact Jesus' jubilant procession into Jerusalem. However, we used the Third Form where we are at Mass and palms are blessed after the homily.

Palm Sunday is the start of the Holy Week. Holy Week means that it is in these most significant days that salvation is achieved.

The blessed palms which are taken home and kept on altars or hanged on doorways. This is done not only to drive away evil spirits or attract prosperity, as some people believe, but should remind us that we are willing to march with Jesus, not only in moments of triumph and glory as in the triumphal entry to Jerusalem but in difficult times like when Jesus was carrying his cross and being crucified.

Peter and other disciples who were closest to the Master's company basked in his celebrity status as he entered Jerusalem. But where were they on Good Friday when he was being dragged from one court to the other? Except for John, the scared disciples ignominiously disappeared, abandoning their Master.

Peter who stoutly declared at the Last Supper that he would be faithful to even unto death, would rather lie to a girl just to save his skin.

We do have good number of Peters and apostles who're loyal and faithful to God—and yes, friends—when the going is smooth. Remember how some defined "success?" "Success is relative," he said, "because the more successful you are, the more relatives you have." But at times of failure, you're abandoned by those so-called friends. Hence, the dictum, "Success has many fathers. Defeat is an orphan."

*There is an apocryphal story about a benevolent pope, whose weak heart was faltering, needing a heart transplant. The sad news was announced to the huge crowd gathered at St. Peter's Square and an appeal for a volunteer to donate his heart went out. Enthusiastically all men raised their hands in response. Since there were so many volunteers and only one was needed, the cardinal-secretary announced that the selection would be done by dropping a feather from the high balcony and whomever it fell on would be the privileged donor. The feather was dropped, and it slowly glided down, but as it fluttered over the heads of the men who volunteered, "phew, phew, phew," each one blew, and the feather landed on the grounded.*

It is easy indeed to profess loyalty in words but when sacrifice is required—as in the above story—it maybe the end of loyalty. Similarly, it is easy to praise the Lord when we are feeling fine and healthy or when everything's going our way.

A lady for instance whose husband always comes home drunk and becomes unbearable may be the last straw that can break a long, lasting marriage. Likewise, a patient suffering from an incurable sickness may not understand God's will and may lose faith in desperation.

It is precisely in such moments that we should hold on, find solutions to our problem, and thus participated in the Passion of Christ.

**Have a Holy Week!!!!**