

# Weekend of April 4, 2021

## 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

**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

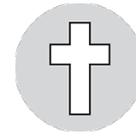
by livestreaming with Fr. Herman

*Please note weekday Mass time change*

Weekdays, Tues-Friday at 8:00 AM,

Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel



### Eastertime Meal Prayer

*Leader: This is the day the Lord has made,  
Let us rejoice and be glad,  
Let us praise the Lord for his goodness.  
For behold, Jesus died  
and now lives for evermore. Alleluia!*

*All: He has gone before us.  
Yet he is with us for all time. Alleluia!*

*Leader: Lord, in this most holy season  
Let your blessing rest upon us  
And upon our table.  
Strengthen us in this time together.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

*-Fr. Michael Kwatera, OSB, and  
Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB*



### Prayer for Divine Mercy

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless  
And the treasury of compassion inexhaustible,  
look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy  
in us, that in difficult moments we might not  
despair nor become despondent,  
but with great confidence submit ourselves to  
Your holy will, which is Love and and Mercy  
itself.

**The Lord is risen! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!**

**A reflection on Easter Sunday**

Yes, indeed! The Lord is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! To most of us, this day is so special because we are once again bonded with our own families—spending and enjoying each other by our own presence, eating, praying and telling stories from the past. But most of all, there is nothing better than being with the Lord in his resurrection.

For me, this is the time when I get so homesick because when I see all of my parishioners enjoy their own families, it makes me remember the good old days when my dad and mom were still living and my siblings and I were still young—of course, whatever that we did, we enjoyed each other's companies from Holy Week up to Easter Sunday—going to Church, praying the rosary, attending the daily processions, eating and enjoying what our parents prepared for us and so on and so forth. Oh, how I wished, people get younger instead of getting older.

Jesus is really the joy of our life. He is the cause of our bonding in our families. Jesus is love and we thank God our Father for sending us his Son to redeem us from our sins. Yes, the story of Jesus of Nazareth must be the most beautiful story of all. Though his life went through the most painful and humiliating experiences, all led to the greatest and most glorious victory that we could ever imagine and hope for today. Today, the community of Jesus' friends, proclaims to the whole world: "The Lord is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!" Like St. Paul, we confidently ask, "Where death is your victory? Where, death is your power to hurt?" (1 Cor 15:55) Jesus had conquered sin and death, this victory is complete and definitive. His glorious triumph is also ours as we believe in him and commit ourselves to sharing in his paschal mystery and for all creation.

So I greet you all "**HAPPY EASTER!!!!**" Easter joy is not meant to be short lived but permanent and "contagious." Jesus' friends were overwhelmed with joy when they saw him risen from the dead. In the first reading, Peter's testimony that the disciples ate and drank with Jesus after he rose from the dead speaks of a totally new experience that changed their lives forever. As we offer each other joy and peace that come from our Risen Lord, let us continue to ponder on this great mystery and open our hearts to its graces and challenges. In the second reading, we are

asked to leave behind our boasting, malice, and wickedness. We can truly celebrate the Risen Christ by living in sincerity and truth, abandoning the tomb of deceit and lies.

The Easter story is indeed:

**EXTRAORDINARY.** Rising from the dead, Jesus shows us that our faithful God will transform our lives from the ordinariness of our sorrows and pains, into the extraordinariness of his life.

**AWESOME.** Life may be hard and awful at times, but the Good News of the Resurrection will always keep the sense of awe and wonder alive in us.

**SALVIFIC.** The mission, suffering and death of Jesus would simply be a heroic story without his resurrection. But because he had the power to rise from death, he can really save us as we embrace our own suffering and death. His unwavering love is our hope's foundation.

**TRANSFORMATIVE.** In encountering the Risen Jesus, the disciples' faith was rekindled, and their hearts burned again with passion for the Lord's mission-proclaiming to the whole world God's Kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

**ETERNAL.** Jesus rose from death to change our life FOREVER: from temporary sadness to unending joy, from our passing world to a new heaven and a new earth that is eternal.

**REAL.** Jesus' resurrection is true and real. The disciples experienced it. Though Thomas doubted at first, he later believed that Jesus was the Lord and God. The disciples sacrificed their lives to share the Good News with all peoples and did it for the sake of an Irresistible and LIBERATING TRUTH and not for a lie.

