

Weekend of April 10, 2022

Palm 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, Donna Berardi, Billy, Penny and Daniel Vicaldo, Anthony Pico, Dolly Albano, Mike Montes, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Abraham Pascual, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Louck, David Ramos, Felix Chiu, Edna De La Cruz Yusi, Marlon Amaranto, Sam Halabo, Anita Uqualla, Bobby Curo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Billy Brown, Margie Cruz, Gina Curo, Midge Svien, Sam Halabo, Alex Lechner, Rick Lechner, Paul Sanchez, Joseph Kardian, Emilita Noriega, David Ramos, Feliz Chiu, Edna de la Cruz Yusi, Marlon Amaranto, Tiffany Erwin,
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (K-High School)

Barona: Class meets on Thursday, 3:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



April 14 – Holy Thursday, 6:30 PM, Barona – All reservations invited

April 15 – Good Friday Service, 3:00 PM, Barona – One service for all reservations.

**April 16 – Holy Saturday – Barona
10:00 AM – rehearsal
8:00 PM – Easter Vigil Mass, Barona**

April 17 – Easter Sunday – regular mass schedule

In order to feel the sanctity of the season's holiness it is best for us to observe prayerful silence and do a lot more of meditations especially of the sufferings of Christ on his way to Calvary to save us.

A Palm Sunday Prayer

On this day of great rejoicing, Christ Jesus, when we welcome You as our King and Savior, we also walk in the shadow of Your cross. Hosanna! We cry. Blessed are You who comes in God's name to save us. Hosanna!

Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday so that when the time comes to carry the cross we might still call out to you with heartfelt praise.

Give us the grace and the courage to follow You this Holy Week from death to resurrection, from darkness to the fullness of light.

We need You, O Christ, our Saviour. Hosanna!
Amen.

Zoom Sessions with Brother Ed Nolan

Exploring the Resurrection stories in each of the Gospels and the Post-resurrection appearances in the New Testament.

When: Wednesdays beginning 4/13 – 5/18, 2022

Time: 5:30 p.m.

If you would like to join these sessions, please send your email address to bktparish@aol.com or call 619-443-3412 and leave your name and email.



A Story of Love: He Died for Us

A reflection on Palm Sunday

In the old liturgy, before Vatican II, the reading of the Passion was greeted with total silence. There was no homily. Even the concluding acclamation: “This is the gospel of the Lord” was omitted. On a day like this, I sometimes feel that the most eloquent response to the word of God we have proclaimed is silence. Even the best of homilies could be a distraction from the deep meditation in which many of us find ourselves at the end of the story of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. But then also, a homily might be useful to direct and focus our meditation on the right direction. Otherwise, we might be like little Johnny who was failing all his exams in the public school until his parents decided to send him to a Catholic school. At the end of the year Johnny came out on top of the class. When his parents asked him what made him change so dramatically Johnny replied, “You see, the moment I walked into that new school and saw that guy hanging on the cross, I knew that the people here were dead serious; so, I decided not to take any chances.”

The crucifix might have helped Johnny to improve his scores, but it is easy to see that Johnny has misread the crucifix. The man on the cross is not there to scare little boys but to show them how much he loves them. He is not there to show them what would happen to them if they misbehaved; he is there to show them that he has already paid the penalty for their sins. He is not dying on the cross for what he has done but for what you and I have done, because he loves us. He died for us.

“He died for us:” Many of us have heard this phrase so many times that it now carries with it neither the shock of someone dying on account of what we have done nor the good news of our being delivered from death. For us to hear this message again today as for the first time, the story of a man who literally died for the misdeeds of his brother might help.

Two brothers lived together in the same apartment. The elder brother was an honest, hard-working and God-fearing man and the younger a dishonest, gun-toting, substance-abusing rogue. Many a night the younger man would come back into the apartment late, drunk and with a lot of cash and the elder brother would spend hours pleading with him to mend his ways and live a decent life. But the young man would have none of it. One night the junior brother runs into the house with smoking gun and blood-stained clothes. “I killed a man,” he announced. In a few minutes, the house was surrounded by police and the two brothers knew there was no escape. “I did not mean to kill him,” stammered the young brother, “I don’t want to die.” By now the police were knocking at the door. The senior brother had an idea. He exchanged his clothes with the blood-stained clothes of his killer brother. The police arrested him, tried him and condemned him to death for murder. He was killed and his junior brother lived. He died for his brother.

Can we see that this story of crime and death is basically a story of love? Similarly, the story of the suffering and death of Jesus which we heard in the Passion is basically a story of love – God’s love for us. How should we respond to it? Well, how would you expect the junior brother to respond to the death of the senior brother? We would expect him to respond with GRATITUDE. Gratitude to his generous brother should make him turn a new leaf and never go back to a life of crime. He would be a most ungrateful idiot if he should continue living the sort of life that made his brother die. Gratitude should make him keep the memory of his brother alive. No day should pass that he should not remember his brother who died for him. Finally, if the dead brother has got a wife and children we should expect the saved brother, out of gratitude, to love and care for them. What God expects from us today is gratitude – gratitude strong enough to make us hate sin of every shade and color; strong enough to make us translate our love of God into love of all of God’s people.

Fr. Munachi Ezeogu, cssp

Have A Holy Week!