

Weekend of April 21, 2024
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....

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, 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, Alex Banegas, Fr. Dominic Asare, SVD, Caroline Mendoza

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Congratulations to Katherine Joan Woods who was baptized on Sunday, April 14th. God bless!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

APRIL

Wednesday, April 24 – 11:30 AM, Native American Crest Meeting at Barona, lunch will be provided.

Sunday, April 28 – Children's mass at all reservations.

MAY

Sunday, May 5 – 10:00 AM, Viejas May Crowning, one mass for all reservations.

Sunday, May 11 – 11:00 AM, Viejas mass and grave blessing

Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day and Children's mass at all reservations.

Sunday, May 19 – 10:00 AM, Barona May Crowning, one mass for all reservations.

Prayer for Vocations

Praise to you, loving god,
for we are always in your hand.
You know us, and so we live.
You call us, and so we are your people.

Remember, Lord, your Church.
Guide it as it continues in our world
the saving work of Jesus, your Son.

Give us more priests and deacons,
religious sisters and brothers, and lay ministers,
who will powerfully proclaim the Gospel in
word and deed.
Prepare them to be good and generous servants,
so that they may deepen your people's faith
through their ministry.

Empower them to be a source of greater hope
and love in the Body of Christ.
All glory and honor be yours, giver of all good
gifts, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
-Fr. Michael Kwatera, OSB

PASTOR'S CORNER

Jesus, the Good Shepherd

A reflection on the 4th Sunday of Easter

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as the Good Shepherd Sunday. It is because in today's gospel, Jesus compares himself to a shepherd. Throughout history, shepherds have had a reputation of being gentle individuals but they also have other personality traits. They are brave, they don't leave their flocks when the sheep are in danger. It must have been a lonely profession because they had no one else to help them. They were responsible for all the sheep in their care.

Jesus comparing himself to a shepherd tells us a lot about his love for us.

"A good man lays down His life for His sheep." Jesus did that for us when He was crucified. Also, a shepherd is always with his flock. He can't wander off and go to McDonalds for a hamburger. He can't take time out to play a round of golf. He must always be with his sheep to protect them and to care for them. That's why the concept of Jesus comparing Himself to a shepherd is very comforting for all of us.

As we drive along in our car, as we go to the office or stay at home to care for our children we probably don't think of Jesus as a shepherd. But he is telling us today that like a shepherd, he is with us always. It's

true that there are billions of people on the face of the earth but Jesus is telling each of us, "I am there with you."

For the young people he goes with you to school but he is also there on the weekends. On Friday and Saturday night things can get a little wild, but remember, Jesus is there. If it's a wild party, He is there.

This Sunday is also known as "Vocation Sunday." It is a day the Catholic Church worldwide focus attention on vocations to the religious life (priests, nuns and brothers). It also includes good political shepherds to take care of the people they govern.

A man wanted to know what profession his four children would take. So in a small room, on a table, he placed a T-square, a stethoscope, a book on civil law, and a Bible.

He then called his kids one after the other and made them pick what they wanted. One picked up the T-square. "Ah...he wants to be an architect," the man whispered.

The other one got the stethoscope. "He wants to be a doctor."

Then the next one took the Bible. "He wants to be a priest."

Then came the youngest. He went around and round the table, undecided. Finally, he took all the stuff! The man, puzzled for a moment, whispered: "Ah, he wants to be a politician."

The need for priests and religious vocations cannot be stressed enough. We need spiritual shepherds to take care of the flock of the Lord. Without ordained ministers, we cannot

avail of the sacraments especially of baptism, the Eucharist, confession, and dispense their graces.

We pray that the Lord through the intercession of St. Kateri Tekakwitha will guide our boys and girls to be better young Catholics and ask God to call them into the religious life in the future.