

Weekend of April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

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

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....

Sue Kierig, , Donna Berardi, Vicaldo Family, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, 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 Raczak, Robert and Margie Cruz, Rick Lechner, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, Manny Ilagan, George Arviso, Ernie and Emy Lampa, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Juan Miguel, Bert Zita, AJ & Angela Samot, Deacon Gene Neral, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Romero Family, Annie McTavish, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Blanca Lechner, Rose Magginni

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.



Father's salary is due for those who make payments yearly or twice a year. For those who give monthly, please continue. Please make checks payable to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish. Thank you so much.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

APRIL

THURSDAY, April 27 – 5:00 PM at Barona Clubhouse – Native American Martyr's Meeting

SATURDAY, April 29 - 5:00 PM, First Communion, Barona

MAY

Sunday, May 7 – 10:00 AM May Crowning at Viejas, May queen will be Angelina TeSam. One mass for all reservations.

Sunday, May 28 – 10:00 AM May Crowning at Barona. May queen will be Daniela Osuna. One mass for all reservations.



Calling Anyone & Everyone and all former May Queens

Flower Making Schedule for 2023 May Crowning at Viejas

Every Monday & Wednesday at 5:00 pm

Starting April 19, 24, 26

May 1 and 3

Location: Viejas Catholic Church – Kateri Hall



‘Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning.’ Now that Christ is raised from the dead, our actions must be changed to reveal this great gift to the world.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Our Road to Emmaus

A reflection on the 3rd Sunday of Easter

Once there was a tree who constantly thought of his hopes and dreams. "I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest," he said. "People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches."

Every day he relished the thought of becoming a proud and lofty tree. His dream was suddenly shattered, however, when some woodsmen came and mercilessly cut him down.

Someone came and got the tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked a man named

Jesus who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill.

The tree got what he wanted, but not in the way he dreamed of. We might say the same words the two disciples said in the Gospel today on this Third Sunday of Easter. As the two were leaving Jerusalem on their way to Emmaus, they felt so disappointed. They were expecting their master Jesus to be the Messiah, but seemingly all of that was dashed to pieces by the disaster of Christ's death at Calvary.

Are we not much the same as the tree or the two disciples? How many times have we had our dreams end in disappointment? How many times have we expected one thing but then turned out differently?

Bear in mind though: When things don't seem to be going your way, God must have a different plan for you. His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always for our good. Moreover, this Sunday's gospel should open our eyes like the eyes of the two disciples. It should open our eyes to recognize Christ in the events and opportunities around us, say, at home, in our work, in our personal experiences. Hence, we don't have to go elsewhere in order to encounter Christ.

He is with us for instance, at Mass. The Risen Christ continues to encounter us – through the Sacred

Scripture (Word of God) and the "breaking of the bread" (Eucharist) which two parts made up the episodes of the two disciples' encounter with the Lord. Hence, the two parts of our Mass: Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist.

For many Christians today, these two have provided a deep reservoir of peace, consolation, and strength. The late Mother Teresa of Calcutta, although extremely busy, once said: "I falter in my work if I don't get nourishment from the Eucharist."

Encountering the Lord in His Word and the Eucharist is, however, not just a personal experience or a one-on-one relationship with God.

The truth is the Eucharist is pre-eminently a *social* sacrament. Like the disciples of Emmaus, who afterwards joined the other disciples in spreading the Good News, we must also spread the message of salvation to people by words and deeds.

Unfortunately, many lose sight of the social nature of the Mass. Many, for instance, receive Communion in the hope of becoming holier, without stopping to reflect that "becoming holier" means becoming more friendly, more honest, more approachable, and more ready to be at the disposal of others.

Today is a good day to reflect on the following questions:

Do you believe that you encounter Jesus in the "breaking of the bread" at Mass? Do you value the Eucharist by attending it, especially on Sunday?

Does Sunday Mass going make you kinder, more honest, more generous, more charitable? In short, a better Christian?

**Have a wonderful and joyful weekend!
Happy 3rd Sunday of Easter!**

