

Weekend of April 25, 2021

Fourth 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

Sunday: Sunday 8:00 AM. @ Shrine

Confessions: By appointment only

Adoration: 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).

Viejias:

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.

ADULT SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

BECOMING A CATHOLIC (RCIA):

This program is for adults who have not been baptized in any faith, or who were baptized in another Christian religion, and for those adult Catholics who have only been baptized.

Requirements: Baptized Catholics must bring a baptismal certificate.

Additional Information: Those over age 18 should contact Ed Nolan, to begin preparations. New sessions have begun and meet on Sundays at 10:30 AM at the Sycuan Mission. These are ongoing classes, so you can join at anytime. Adults will make the sacraments needed in order to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass or on Easter Sunday morning.

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

Sunday, May 9 – *Mother's Day Mass on all reservations*

Saturday, May 22 – *Viejias Grave blessing and cleaning*

Sunday, May 30 – *10:30 AM – Viejias May Crowning*



SAVE THE DATE for future ZOOM classes with Brother Ed

*Beginning Wednesday starting 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2 and 6/9
Details coming soon!*



Brother Ed Nolan's new email is edwardnolan1150@gmail.com, please make this change.



Jesus, Our Lord and the Good Shepherd of our Lives

A reflection on the 4th Sunday of Easter

Happy Good Shepherd Sunday!

"The Lord is not my shepherd for I am not a sheep," said a small boy to his teacher during a religion class. Young children often take things literally; they cannot understand symbolic language. Many skeptical adults, who make fun of religion, may also use this literal approach to disdain expressions of faith.

In the Letter of John, we are reminded of our deeper identity as God's children. We are created in God's image, according to the Book of Genesis (Gen 1:27). Our ultimate self-worth is based on God's love for us, not on our success, riches and popularity. Being part of God's family, we are encouraged to live like Jesus did but not instantly overnight. Our Christian life is a process of becoming, of growing towards resembling God. We can do this by purifying ourselves, trying to live morally straight, free from the corruption of sin. One who knows God, will purify himself or herself accordingly, because God is pure.

However, we are sinful creatures, and we cannot save ourselves by our own effort. Jesus is our savior, like a good shepherd. This typical biblical image of shepherding resonates with the occupation of many figures of the Old Testament: Abraham, Jacob, Moses David, and Amos, were shepherds. The challenging

part of shepherding is not the sheep, which are usually placid and obedient. It is often the difficult weather, the physically demanding work and loneliness. During the time of Jesus, shepherds travelled on foot for days without seeing another being. When Jesus said he was willing to sacrifice his life for the sake of his flesh, he knew the demands of his job.

All of us are dependent on God. We are like sheep, completely dependent on shepherds, who provide them with shelter and guidance, help them when they are hurt and sick. Jesus is our good shepherd. "Knowing" God means having an intimate and obedient relationship with him. Our tendency to put ourselves in danger's way and our inability to guide ourselves remind us about our need of a shepherd. May we find in Jesus the true Shepherd of our souls.

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