

Weekend of May 1, 2022

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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

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, K-8th: Class meets on Thursday, 3:00 p.m. At this time, it is too late to join but classes will begin again after Easter 2023.

Barona, High School: Thursday, 3:00 p.m. (classroom under the club house) – classes are still open for enrollment.

Classes for the sacraments for both young adult and adult classes are still open in Barona. All classes are a two year program. We are looking for sponsors to support both youth and adult students and this is a terrific opportunity for anyone interested in one day teaching to learn by

being a support to the current teacher. Please contact Judy Oyos or Fr. Herman Manuel if you are interested in becoming a sponsor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM, Barona.

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel

Sunday, May 8 – Children's Mass, all reservations

Saturday, May 14 – Viejas Mass and Grave Blessing, 11 AM

Sunday, May 15 – May Crowning, Viejas

Sunday, May 22 – May Crowning, Barona



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, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11 & 5/18

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.



Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" Show your love for Jesus in the way that you live.

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PASTOR'S DESK

The Real Meaning of the Resurrection of our Lord

A reflection on the 3rd Sunday of Easter

About a year ago, a movie "God's not Dead" attracted many people including me to watch it in a nearby theater. Here is the plot of the story: Freshman university student Josh Wheaton attends a philosophy class, where Professor Radisson requires all students to submit a signed statement saying "God is dead" and never existed. The professor based his belief upon one of the modern philosophers, Frederick Nietzsche who said that "god is dead!" When Josh refuses because of his own beliefs, the professor challenges him to defend his position, which leads to a series of confrontational presentations between himself and the professor, with the class as jury. Well, I won't go into the details of the movie because it might take the whole space of this Sunday Bulletin. However, I highly recommend it to you to either buy it or rent it. It is worth your time. Watch with an open mind. There is only thing that I can say: God is very much alive. Look at His hundreds of millions of followers!

The gospel of this 3rd Sunday of Easter tells us how Jesus appeared to His disciples for the third time at dawn at the shore of the Sea of Tiberias. These men would spread out through the whole world preaching and witnessing that Christ was not dead, as the German philosopher Nietzsche declared, but is very much alive.

The resurrection event was very crucial because if Jesus didn't rise from the dead, then our preaching and believing, and even our striving to live moral lives would all be meaningless. For most of us Christians, however, believing in the Risen Lord is not very much a problem. But in practical life, believing in Him can be very difficult especially when trials, failures, and adversities come our way. For instance, we pray desperately for the cure of a sickness or the turn-around of a moribund business, but

the response is a deafening silence. Or, we're badly hurt or misunderstood in serving the church or parish or turned off by the bad example of a church leader, or feel bitter and resentful over a broken family and we take it against God.

When we experience such trials, we should remember that faith is accepting God not only in good times, but also in bad. When misfortune befalls us, we say "Why me, Lord?" But when good things come, why don't we also say "Why me, Lord?" Lest we forget, faith in God also requires faith in ourselves. As much as we put our faith and trust in Him, let's do our share. When some people come to me asking to bless their car or motorcycle, I tell them banteringly that my blessing is good up to 90 kilometers per hour only. If you go beyond that, I add, it's your own look-out. What I mean, of course, is even if I bless your vehicle but you're a speed driver and reckless, my blessing won't work. In fact, what should be blessed is the driver, too – and with more holy water!

That holds true also for sicknesses. People pray to the Lord for good health, but if they keep gorging food rich in cholesterol or smoke cigarettes like a chimney, then no amount of prayer will help.

It has been said that there are three kinds of faith: One that is without trials and temptations is childlike, one that is tested but overcome by doubts is immature, one that is able to overcome adversities is adult or mature faith.

May our Risen Lord strengthen our faith most especially when we go through dark valleys of failures, difficulties, and misfortunes.

*"But now, O Lord, Thou art
our Father,
We are the clay, and Thou
our potter;
And all of us are the work of
Thy hand."*

ISAIAH 64:8

