

Weekend of May 5 Sixth 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, Caroline Mendoza

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Barona: Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.
with Alyssa Parada*

*Sacramental Preparation with Mark Price are
ongoing each Wednesday.*

Viejas: 3:00 PM

Barona: 4:30 PM

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel

MAY

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

Sunday, May 19 – 10:00 AM, Barona May Crowning, May Queen – Kateri Osuna. There will be one mass for all reservations.

Sunday, May 26 – 10:00 AM, Viejas May Crowning, May Queen – Rianna Christman. There will be one mass for all reservations.

Prayer for May

Dear Lord, thank you for your faithfulness and grace that has seen me through this year so far. I don't know what this month will hold, but I know you do. I am grateful that you have forseen every day before I've lived it and you have a hope filled plan to lead me victoriously through everything I face.

Pease keep me close to you and grant me your strength, energy and power to see me through each day. I offer up all that I am, all that I have and all that I do and ask you to take what I have and multiply it for good and your glory. I look forward to all you will do in me and through me this month. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Jesus as a Friend: Laid Down His Life for Us

A reflection on the 6th Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel reading gives us two models of personal relationship with Jesus: As a servant and as a friend. At any given point in our faith journey, one of these two models are predominant. Either we see our relationship with Him mainly in terms of master-servant or in terms of friend-friend.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you” (Jn 15:12-15).

With the exception of mystics, traditional spirituality in the church has followed the master-servant model. Jesus is seen more as a Master to be feared, respected, and obeyed than as a Friend to love in intimacy and familiarity.

Today, Jesus challenges us to once again rethink our relationship with Him because, evidently, He himself prefers to relate with us, His disciples, as friend to friend rather than as master to servant.

“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so

that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another.” (Jn 14:16-17)

Since Jesus decided to consider us as His friends despite our unworthiness, then we should not fix our gaze on ourselves and ask, “Who am I, Lord, that you should love me?” Rather we should fix our gaze on Him and ask, “Who are You Lord, that you love me so?”

The words of Jesus in this 6th Sunday of Easter's Gospel reading is a call for us to move beyond the infant stage, the servant-master relationship, and go to the adult stage, the friend-friend way of relating to Jesus Christ. This will change the way we pray to God and the way we practice our faith. We shall begin to experience more peace and joy in our lives, as people do who are in love.

God expects us to grow in His love. Just as God showed His love for us in deed by sending His Son to die for us, so is true love for God always shown in deed by the way we keep the twin commandments of love of God and neighbor.

By this we can know if we are truly Christ's friends, because He Himself said, “You are My friends if you do what I command you.” (Jn 15:14).

