

# Weekend of May 8, 2022

## Fourth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

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

### 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. in becoming a sponsor.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Wednesday, May 11** – Zoom class with Brother Ed at 5:30 p.m. – Resurrection stories

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

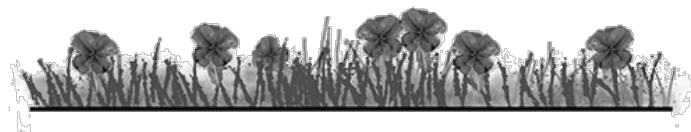
**Sunday, May 15** – 10:30 AM - May Crowning, Viejas, Ariana Parent is the May queen.

**Sunday, May 22** – 10 AM - May Crowning, Barona – Desiree Dudoit is the May queen.

### A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Loving God, you are both Father and Mother to us.  
You gave us your own Beloved Child Jesus  
That we may come to see, from his words and deeds of compassion,  
How much you care for us.  
You gave us Mary, our Mother,  
Faithful disciple, who treasured your word in her heart.  
Like her, may I be ever attentive to your word.  
Make me sensitive to the needs of my children  
That they, like Jesus, may grow in wisdom, age and grace.  
May they be joyous in their living,  
Compassionate in their loving,  
And generous always in your service  
In Jesus' name, I pray.

-Sr. Eleanor Bernstein, CSJ



Who will shepherd God's people? Pray that good leaders, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, will serve our Church.

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### PASTOR'S DESK

## The Call to Priesthood through Jesus, the Good Shepherd

### A reflection on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Whenever I read and reflect on this beautiful Gospel of John, it helps me treasure my “special calling to priesthood” by our Lord. I can’t believe that this year is my 18<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary already of my Ordination to Priesthood. How time flies. In June 5, 2004, I was one of the six to prostrate at the altar of the big Chapel of our Lady of the Holy Grounds of our Society of the Divine Word in Techny, Illinois. To all priests and religious, **Happy Good Shepherd Sunday!**

Today is known as World Day of Prayer for Vocations, a day that Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God’s call and to pray for vocations. To help us reflect on the meaning of the priestly vocation, the church presents to us in today’s gospel the figure of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Last Sunday we saw Our Lord three times giving Peter the charge to “feed my sheep.” In that way he made Peter a shepherd, a pastor. Our Lord continued his work of shepherding his people through Peter and his co-workers: the apostles and disciples, and through their successors: The Pope, the bishops, priests, deacons, catechists, and committed lay people.

Peter was like the captain of a team; by entrusting the work of feeding his sheep to Peter, Jesus was entrusting it to us all. Today we see that this work which Jesus has confided to the church is in danger. In the past forty years many priest have left the priesthood, and vocation to the priesthood is now at an all-time low. There are many contributing factors to this crisis but one of them, I believe, is a loss of understanding among the people of God of what the priesthood is supposed to be. That is why on a day like this we will do well to reflect on Jesus the Good Shepherd, because in him we see what a pastor, a shepherd, should be.

In biblical times there were two kinds of shepherds. The first one was the hired hand for whom keeping the sheep was just the available job. He could move from one flock to the other depending on the conditions of service, but he would not risk his life for them. Seeing the wolves or thieves coming he would flee for dear life and leave the flock at the mercy of the invaders. Jesus said that he is not that kind of shepherd.

Then there is the shepherd-owner of the flock who grows up with the flock and stays with the same flock all his life. He knows each and every sheep in the flock individually. He

calls each one by name and could tell you the personal story of each of the sheep, when and where it was born, the problems it has had in life, its personal characteristics, etc. He gives personal attention to each and every one of the sheep. He knows which one is likely to lag behind after a long walk and he would go and carry that one in his arms. He knows which one was likely to stray from the flock and he would keep an eye on that one when they get to dangerous places. He knows which ones are pregnant and need a special kind of food. When attacked by wolves or thieves he would fight to the death to defend even one of his sheep. He is the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

By the way, the expression “laying down one’s life” comes from the fact that the sheep were kept in an enclosed space with only an opening for the sheep to go in and out. At night the shepherd usually lay down across the opening so that the sheep would not wander out and wolves would not get in. The good shepherd accepts personal inconveniences like this for the good of his sheep. If any got lost, he would climb mountains and hills looking for it and calling out its name. And whether the lost sheep had fallen into a pit or was trapped in a bush of thorns, as soon as it heard the voice of its master it would bleat and the shepherd would go and rescue it.

By calling himself the Good Shepherd, Jesus shows the kind of leadership that should obtain in the community of his followers. It should be a leadership where each person is called by name. In today’s computerized society we are no longer called by name. We are known by numbers: your checkbook number, your driver’s license number, your social insurance numbers, and your credit card number. You are simply number so-and-so. But the Good Shepherd today reminds us that we must not allow that to happen in the church. Each one of us is a distinct personality, with a distinct history and a distinct set of abilities and needs. Like the Good Shepherd, we must show this personal touch in the way we relate to one another. This is the way God relates to us, this is the way priests and all church ministers, including parish secretaries, should relate to the people of God.

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