

Weekend of May 12
The Ascension of the Lord

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, 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, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Romero Family, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, 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, Connie Devera, Don Speer

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.
Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel*

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

Wednesday, May 15 – 5:00 PM

Barona May Crowning practice at the church. Please contact Alyssa Parada if you have any questions.

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.



Mary, full of grace, I ask for your intercession today for my earthly mother. Pray for her, and pray that her example of love draws me closer to Your son, not only on Mother's Day but on all days. Amen.

God bless Mothers today and always!

PASTOR'S CORNER

Jesus' Ascension into Heaven: Both a Beginning and an End

A reflection on the Solemnity of the
Ascension of the Lord

Happy feast day to all of you and Happy Mother's Day!

Wow! What a beautiful and a joyous celebration we have this weekend! It is a double celebration. First, we remember that time Jesus said goodbye to his disciples so that he will be with the Father in heaven forever. However, he promised us that he will send the Holy Spirit to them and to us to protect us and guide us in all that we do in his name. And second, we honor our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all those who have acted as mothers in our lives today—Mother's Day. As we honor them, we also honor of course the mother of all mothers—MARY. It is true that if we honor Jesus' mother, Mary, Jesus showers upon us abundant blessings and vice versa, Mary watches and protects us always from any danger.

We commemorate the rising of the Lord Jesus into Heaven and the entrance of his risen body into the eternal glory of Paradise. When it was time for Jesus to return to the Father, He took his disciples up on a mountain and gave them his final instructions (Lk 24:50-53). He had been preparing them for three years by what He said and did. His first words showed who he knew he was: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me" (Mt 28:18).

Before his ascension, Jesus entrusted to the leaders he had chosen and to all those who would become part of his body over the course

of the centuries a share in that power and a share in His mission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20).

Thus, Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning. For although it ended His physical presence, it marked a beginning of Jesus' presence with his apostles and disciples in a new way. When he spoke to them of his impending departure from this world, He also made clear to his followers that they would not be doing the ministry of spreading the gospel on their own. His very last words to his followers in Matthew's Gospel were, "And remember, I am with you always, till the end of time" (Mt 28:20).

Jesus' parting words to His apostles point to the great mission which he also gives to all of us – to be witnesses of his saving death and His glorious resurrection. His ascension is a call for us to continually make him present by allowing ourselves to become a living "Jesus" to other people. Our task is to proclaim God's gift of salvation, not only to the "people of Israel" but to "all the nations" – to our homes, offices, schools, and work areas.

Jesus intends God's love and gift of salvation for everyone – not just for a chosen few, but for all who are willing to accept God's words and be transformed by them. All of us believers have been given a share in this task – to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. We have not been left alone in this task, for we are a part of that ongoing mystery of Jesus' presence in the world: The power of his Holy Spirit in us, with us, and through us.

May the Lord on the Solemnity of his
Ascension today through the intercession of
the Blessed Virgin Mary continue to bless us
all!