

Weekend of April 26 Fourth 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....

Michele Nikas Beaman, John Nikas, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Margie Cruz, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, Rose Ramos, Lilly Gautreaux, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Paolo Espiritu, Tyre Nichols, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Carol Richardson, Jeff Ashii, Rosario and Paul Estepa, Haley Price, Mark Marquez, , Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Rudy Duerro, Don Speer, Eileen Hansotte, DJ LaChappa, Michael McKnight, Lulu Cabinatan, Donald Lee, Gabriel Marquez, Sr. , Joseph Kardian, Bear Cuero, Frances Banegas, Diane Robetkey, Ed Sloan, Flora Keldani and Gene Cortez, Paul Castello, Robert Kuhl, Joyce Rottenberg, Johnny Valencic, Kelly Bonde, Lucinda Thompson, Eva Walters, Spud Brown, Edna Gomez, Vera Tucker, Jack Ramirez, Rudy Duero, John Holsbo, Pat Wooley, Yanni Aquino, Cynthia Dominguez, Dr. Gerry Directo, Baby Selene Vasquez, Paul Darby, Clifford LaChappa, Minnie Kaye, Marcie Cu, Vina Cornell
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

News From Religious Education

Barona – K – 8th Teacher : Alyssa Parada
Viejas/Sycuan – Teacher: Mark Price

Contact Judy Robinson if interested in attending upcoming 2026 Fall classes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



**Saturday, May 2 – 11:00 AM - Viejas
Grave Blessing**

**Sunday, May 10 – Mother’s Day and
Children’s Mass with Mark Price at all
reservations, regular mass schedule**

**Saturday, May 16 – 5 PM at Barona –
First Communion for students**

**Saturday, May 23 – Pentecost Mass for All
Peoples – Cathedral Catholic High School,
Call to Worship 10 AM, Mass 11 AM,
Festival of Cultures 12 PM**

**Sunday, May 24 – 10:00 AM, Barona May
Crowning, one mass for all reservations**

PASTOR’S CORNER

Finding the True Voice in Times of Confusion Fourth Sunday of Easter

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

There is a familiar and comforting image found both in the Gospel and in many of our Native traditions—the image of a caring guide who knows the land, walks with the people, and ensures their safety. In today’s Gospel, Jesus reveals Himself as that guide, proclaiming: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10:27)

This Sunday, often called Good Shepherd Sunday, reminds us that Jesus is not a distant or impersonal leader. He is the Good Shepherd who knows each of us by name,

understands our struggles, and lovingly leads us toward life in abundance.

Our world today is filled with many voices competing for our attention. Political leaders, social media influencers, cultural trends, and conflicting ideologies all claim to offer the right path. This abundance of voices can create confusion, division, and uncertainty. Many people are left wondering: Whom should we follow? Where can we find the truth?

In the midst of this noise, the voice of the Good Shepherd stands apart. Unlike voices driven by power, fear, or self-interest, the voice of Jesus is always marked by love, truth, humility, justice, and peace. He does not manipulate or divide; instead, he gathers, heals, and guides.

Jesus assures us that his sheep recognize his voice. But how do we discern that voice today? We can identify the Shepherd's guidance through the fruits it bears: Love and Compassion: Christ's voice leads us to care for the poor, the vulnerable, and those on the margins; Truth and Integrity: His teachings align with the Gospel and the enduring wisdom of the Church; Humility and Service: Jesus leads by serving, not by dominating; Peace and Unity: The Good Shepherd gathers his flock and fosters reconciliation; Sacrificial Love: He lays down his life for the sheep, showing that authentic leadership is rooted in self-giving love. Whenever we encounter voices that promote hatred, division, or violence, we can be certain that they do not echo the voice of Christ.

For the communities of Barona, Viejas, and Sycuan, this message resonates deeply. Our ancestors understood the importance of listening—to the land, to the wisdom of elders, and to the quiet movements of the Spirit. In a similar way, we are called to listen attentively to Jesus, who walks with us through every valley and leads us to safe pastures. Just as a shepherd walks ahead of the flock, Christ goes before us, guiding our families and communities through the uncertainties of our time.

Good Shepherd Sunday is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray that many will hear the voice of Christ calling them to serve as priests, deacons, religious

sisters and brothers, and committed lay ministers. May our parish be fertile ground where young people feel encouraged to listen and respond generously to God's call.

To remain centered on the Good Shepherd amid the noise of the world, we are invited to pray daily, creating space to hear God's gentle voice, reflect on Sacred Scripture, which serves as our spiritual compass, participate in the Eucharist, where we encounter Christ most intimately, seek wisdom from the faith community and elders, who help guide our discernment, examine the fruits of our choices, ensuring they lead to love, justice, and peace.

The Good Shepherd does not abandon his flock. Even when we stray or feel lost, he seeks us out and leads us back with tenderness and mercy. In a world filled with uncertainty, we find our security not in human power or popularity, but in the steadfast love of Christ.

“In a world filled with many voices, the Good Shepherd leads us with love, truth, and peace—guiding us safely home.” Let us renew our commitment to listen to his voice and to become shepherds for one another, offering guidance, compassion, and hope to those who feel lost or alone.

Blessings to you and your families as we continue to walk together with the Risen Lord.

Fr. Herman Manuel, SVD

Prayer

Good and loving Shepherd,

You know each of us by name and walk with us on every path of life.

Amid the many voices of our world, help us to recognize and follow your voice alone.

Bless the communities of Barona, Viejas, and Sycuan.

Raise up generous vocations to serve your Church, and make us instruments of your peace and love.

Lead us always to the safe pastures of your eternal embrace.

Amen.

