

Weekend of April 19 Third 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 Duerro, John Holsbo, Pat Wooley, Yanni Aquino, Cynthia Dominguez, Dr. Gerry Directo, Baby Selene Vasquez, Paul Darby, Clifford LaChappa, Minnie Kaye, Marcie Cu
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 Fall classes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Monday, April 13 – Tuesday, April 21 – Father Herman will be on vacation. There will be no 8:00 AM masses at Barona during April 14 – 17 and Tuesday, 4/21 during this time. Morning mass will resume Wednesday, 4/22 at 8:00 AM.

Wednesday, April 22 – 7 PM, Our Lady of Sacred Heart Parish in El Cajon – Confirmation for Rowen Hill



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

Sunday, May 17 – 10:00 AM, Viejas May Crowning,
one mass for all reservations

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

**Recognizing Christ in
Our Present Journey
Third Sunday of Easter**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we encounter two disciples walking the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35). They are

discouraged, confused, and grieving. Their hopes had been shattered by the events of Jesus' passion and death. As they journey together, they speak of the troubling events that had taken place in Jerusalem, wondering what the future might hold.

Their experience mirrors much of what we see and feel in our world today. At the present time, many people carry heavy burdens in their hearts. We witness wars and violence that displace families and bring suffering to countless innocent lives. Natural disasters continue to devastate communities, leaving people searching for hope amid loss. Economic uncertainty weighs on families striving to provide for their loved ones. Closer to home, many struggle with illness, loneliness, mental health challenges, and divisions within society. Even within our own communities of Barona, Viejas, and Sycuan, there are those who carry silent grief and personal trials. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we may sometimes ask: *Where is God in all of this? Why does hope seem so distant?*

The beauty of the Gospel is that Jesus draws near precisely in these moments of uncertainty and pain. The disciples did not recognize him at first; their sorrow clouded their vision. Yet Jesus was walking beside them, listening to their fears and gently opening their hearts to understand God's plan.

This reminds us that the Risen Lord is also present in our world today. He is present in the compassion of those who care for the sick and vulnerable; in the courage of peacemakers working for justice and reconciliation; in the generosity of communities supporting those in need; in the resilience of families who continue to hope despite hardships; in the strength and spiritual wisdom of our Native American heritage, which teaches us the sacredness of community, storytelling, and walking together.

The turning point in the Emmaus story occurs when the disciples invite Jesus to stay with them. At table, "He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them." In that moment, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This powerful gesture reminds us that

even amid the challenges of our present time, we encounter the Risen Christ most profoundly in the Eucharist. Each Mass becomes our own Emmaus journey—where the Scriptures enlighten us and the breaking of the bread strengthens us with hope.

After recognizing Jesus, the disciples did not remain in their comfort. They immediately returned to Jerusalem to share the Good News. Their fear was transformed into courage, their despair into mission. This transformation is also our calling today. In a world that often feels overwhelmed by darkness, we are invited to be bearers of Christ's light, bringing hope, healing, and reconciliation to those around us.

As we reflect on this Gospel during the Easter season, let us ask ourselves: Do we recognize Christ walking with us in the midst of today's challenges? Are our hearts open to his presence in the Eucharist and in one another? How can we become messengers of hope in our families and communities?

Despite the uncertainties of our time, the message of Easter remains clear and powerful: Christ is alive, and he walks with his people. No suffering, division, or hardship can separate us from his love. The same Lord who journeyed with the disciples continues to accompany the people of Barona, Viejas, and Sycuan, guiding us with his peace and strengthening us with his grace.

May the Risen Christ fill your hearts with peace and renew your hope during this Easter season.

Yours in the Risen Christ,
Fr. Herman Manuel, SVD
Pastor, St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

Prayer

Risen Lord,

*You walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus,
and you continue to walk with us in the joys and struggles
of our present time.*

*Open our eyes to recognize your presence
in the breaking of the bread and in the faces of those
around us.*

*Bring comfort to all who suffer, peace to our world,
and unity to our communities of Barona, Viejas, and
Sycuan.*

*May our hearts burn with your love,
and may we become witnesses of your resurrection and
hope. Amen.*