

*Weekend of March 7 & 8, 2020*  
*Second Sunday of Lent*

Mass Schedule

**Barona:**

**Mass:** Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM.

**Weekends:** Saturday, 5:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM.

**Confessions:** Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

**Adoration:** 1st Thurs. of the month (6:00 PM) and 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).

**Viejas:**

**Weekends:** Sunday, 10:00 AM.

**Confessions:** By appointment.

**Sycuan:**

**Weekends:** Sunday, Noon.

**Confessions:** By appointment



Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony and Diana Pico, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Helen Cadiente, Berniece Marrujo, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Agnes Ruiz, Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Debbie Gonzalez, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Anthony Harut Haurutuynian, Gina Lloyd, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual  
*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

**Mass Intentions – March 8 - 2020**

Weekend masses:

Sunday, 8:00 Barona – Charlie and Gene Curo

Sunday, 10:00 Viejas – Community of Viejas

Sunday, 12:00 Sycuan – Community of Sycuan

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

**Barona – Thursdays, 2:45 p.m & 4:00 p.m.**

**Viejas – Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.**

**Sycuan – Sundays, 10:30 a.m.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday, March 14 – Tom Hyde Anniversary Mass,  
10:00 AM, Viejas**

**Sunday, March 15 – Tuesday, March 17 –Lenten Retreat,  
6:30 PM, Barona Clubhouse**

Fr. Frank Tinajero, SVD, *Forgiveness: A Restorative Approach*  
Fr. Frank Tinajero, SVD is a member of the Society of the Divine Word and is currently in residence at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church in South Los Angeles. Fr. Tinajero has been involved in detention ministry for more than thirty years, working in several County, State and Federal Correctional Institutions as a Chaplain and Clinical Psychotherapist. He sits as a Board member with the Center for Restorative Justice Works and assists the California Conference of Catholic Bishops as a member on the Restorative Justice Committee. He currently assists various parishes within the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

**Friday, March 27 – Sheila Oyos Grave Blessing,  
11:00 AM, Mesa Grande**

**Saturday, March 28 – Sheila Oyos Anniversary Mass, 10:00 AM,  
Barona**

***Lenten Reflections***

A series on the meaning of suffering, death and resurrection will take place during Lent, Thursdays 4-5 PM beginning March 5, 19, 26 and April 2. (No class on March 12<sup>th</sup>) in Brother Ed's office.

### Lenten Prayer for Unity and Justice

Creator Spirit, help us respond to your call to be members of one family.

Guide us to constant, peaceful concern For sisters and brothers throughout the world.

Make us mindful of the needs of those who must endure day by day the injustice of hunger and poverty.

Bless us all this Lenten season That we may live in harmony and unity with others.

Renew our Christian commitment to the global family.

-Prayer Without Borders



*The Bishop has asked all parishes to suspend Communion from the Cup during the threat of the Coronavirus. Due to the serious nature of this virus our parish will no longer offer Holy Communion from the Chalice until it is safe to do so. Thank You.*

## What We Can Learn from the Transfiguration of Jesus

### A reflection on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

The Gospel of the Second Sunday of Lent brings us to one of the important events in the life of Jesus. That is, his transfiguration on a mountain during which his face was transfigured and shone like the sun, while his clothes became white as light. This episode is now part of the "Mysteries of Light." Here are the important moments in this gospel passage.

**First, the gospel passage says that Jesus invited three of his friends, Peter, James, and John, to go to a mountain and pray.** These three disciples are

among the most-mentioned names in the gospels. The invitation of these three disciples by Jesus highlights the importance of communal prayer. Elsewhere in the gospels, Jesus instructs his disciples to pray in private. While private prayer is important, communal prayer is important as well. One nice practice among Catholic communities and organizations during the season of Lent is the holding of Lenten recollections and retreats. These prayerful activities recall the experience of Peter, James and John, that is, communing with Jesus. The season of Lent is a call to prayer. Therefore, if opportunity permits, we should spend time for it so that we can enter into the paschal mystery of Jesus. Moreover, this makes our celebration of Easter more meaningful.

**Second, Jesus transfigured.** The transfiguration previews the glory and splendor of Jesus at Easter and beyond. It is a foretaste of what is to come. On the part of the disciples, the transfiguration gives them a preview of the glorious figure of Jesus. Then Jesus is shown talking to Moses and Elijah. Moses represents the Law and Elijah represents the prophets. The appearance of these two figures shows that Jesus is in continuity with the Law and the Prophets. This puts Jesus within the context of the salvation history of the People of God, Israel.

**Third, Peter cries out to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here."** This statement of Peter is something we should reflect. Peter speaks of something "good" which may be translated into joy. Peter feels good and happy in that moment. There is joy of praying with Jesus. Community life gives us joy; communal prayer is also an experience of joy. Fr Patrick Peyton says, 'A family that prays together, stays together.' But there is more of it. A family or community that prays together is a family or community filled with joy. This is also what we should feel in the holy Mass. Each time we celebrate the holy Eucharist, we should also exclaim like Peter, "Lord, it is good that we are here!"

**Fourth, it is significant that the transfiguration takes place on the road to the crucifixion.** The disciples have some sense that Jesus is on the road to suffering and death. However, Peter's proposal to Jesus, "If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," was a way of evading

the pains on the cross. One spiritual interpretation of this statement could be building up of comfort zones. Certainly, for Peter, staying in the mountain could be more advantageous than going back to the lowland because there Jesus would encounter his own death. Jesus did not utter any response to Peter's proposal. The gospel tells us that after the Father speaks, Jesus told the three disciples. "Rise and do not be afraid." The transfiguration gives them strength and confidence that God is at work in the life of Jesus. It also gives them the courage to continue with their work because of the assurance that God is or would be with them. After the transfiguration event, the disciples became committed to face the future struggles.

**The Transfiguration is a story of determination and hope.** Our tendency is to build comfort zones in our life. Our tendency is to evade the pains and struggles that are there. What God wants us is to have the capacity to face all these. We need a determination to face life's difficulties and at the same time, cling to the hope and promise of glory. Let us remember the often used adage, "*No pain, no gain.*"