

Weekend of March 21 & 22, 2020
Fourth 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, Eugene "Gino" Vicaldo, Skylar Rosas

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – March 22, 2020

Weekend masses:

Sunday, 8:00 Barona – Darrell and Roni Romero
Doreen Romero-Ford

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

All masses and parish events are cancelled until further notice.

A Corona Virus Prayer

by Kerry Weber

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal US.

Annual Lenten Collection – This special collection will provide services to the Catholic Relief Services, Church in Africa and Church in Latin America. If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish and send to 1054 Barona Road, Lakeside, CA 92040. You may also send your tithes and offerings to this address.

What We Can Learn from the Blind Man

A reflection on the 4th Sunday of Lent

Happy Laetare Sunday!!!

With all of the fear and worries and challenges that we are experiencing at the moment, we need something to uplift us. The message of the 4th Sunday of Lent also called “LAETARE SUNDAY” or Rejoicing Sunday came in at the right time. This is the reason why the Church changes its color from a dark violet to a bright rose pink color.

The Gospel today begins with an account on the encounter of Jesus with the man born blind. All his life, the latter had recognized people by their voices only. Now, with Jesus’ healing on him, he was able to see what human faces look like. While some people have recognized him, it is also surprising that some of his neighbors did not wish him well of his cure.

The usual enemies of Jesus came to the fore. They were Pharisees who distrusted the marvelous deed that Jesus had done to the man who was born blind. Because Jesus did the healing on a Sabbath, they judged him as man “*who is not from God.*” Jesus must have realized that it was easier to cure the man who was physically blind than the Pharisees who are “spiritually” blind. He has a longer and harder struggle with the Pharisees who are sick of spiritual blindness.

What is the significance of the gospel story on us? I can think of two things:

First, we can associate ourselves with the Pharisees whose stubbornness of heart precludes them from seeing the truth. This happens in ordinary relationships, friendship for instance. Most people do not want to see the hard truth, for some reasons. Some fail to see the truth because of fear that they might hurt their friends or family members. Our deliberate blindness does not actually help the relationship. We might be sustaining or protecting the relationship, but it does enrich the relationship. Why? Because we allow people to live in lies; not in the truth. In these cases, we are in need of the healing grace of God.

Second, we can also associate ourselves with the man born blind. It is interesting to note that the vision, recognition or knowledge of Jesus did not happen overnight. In other words, he did not recognize Jesus immediately. When Jesus asked him whether he believes in the Son of Man, his reply was, “*Who is he, sir that I may believe in him?*”

There are two things which are of importance to us:

On the one hand, we should try to live in light. St Paul has something to tell about this spiritual blindness or darkness. In the second reading, he told the Ephesians, “*You were once darkness, but now you are light of the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.*” This is true! Living in light is related to living in truth. As children of light, we must be a sign of hope to the world. Our light produces goodness which can be a source of inspiration for others.

On the other hand, our journey of faith is also comparable to the journey of the man born blind. First, he knew of Jesus as a “*man Jesus.*” Next, he called Jesus as a prophet. Lastly, he addressed Jesus as Lord. Thus, there is a progress in his knowledge of God. In comparison, we also had been born blind until we were baptized. When we were baptized, our knowledge of God was only insignificant. But the Church expects it to grow while we grow older. It is expected that while we grow in age, we should also grow in our “seeing” or knowledge of God. Thus, there should be progress and development in our understanding and knowledge of God. We must not

stop exploring the depth and the width of the knowledge of God.

The man who has been born blind since birth never lost hope of seeing again. He never lost hope of being able to enjoy life with the sight of the people and the beauty of the universe. He had Faith in his Hope. And that faith was blessed with the unexpected encounter with a man he only knew by hearing people call, Jesus. Thereupon his eyes were spiritually open at the same time that he called the man Jesus, Lord. And with all humility and faith, he asked Jesus to open his eyes and let him see. The Gospel talks about spiritual blindness and physical blindness that is common to most of us but which can be rightfully corrected with Faith, Hope and Trust in Jesus.