Weekend of April 11 & 12, 2020 Easter Sunday — Resurrection of the Lord

Mass Schedule

<u>Barona:</u>

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). <u>Viejas:</u> <u>Weekends: Sunday, 10:00 AM.</u> <u>Confessions: By appointment.</u> <u>Sycuan:</u> <u>Weekends: Sunday, Noon.</u>





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.

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He is Risen! Salvation has been won, the power of death is broken. Be inspired by Christ's triumph over death that you might be a confident witness of His Resurrection.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

All masses and parish events are cancelled until further notice.

COVID-19: A Pray of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,

We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord.

Amen.

Fr. Herman will continue livestreaming On Tues-Friday at 3:00 PM Just go to Facebook under Herman Manuel.

Please continue to send your tithes and offerings to: St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1054 Barona Road, Lakeside, CA 92040

The Joy of Easter Our Faith in the Hope for Better Life at the End of this COVID-19 Crisis

It seems that every day we hear the news, the world is getting worse. Many are getting infected from this highly infectious disease Coronavirus resulting to many deaths every minute, every hour, every day I don't even want to watch T.V or hear the news anymore. But wait, I see some good words from doctors, the President and other government officials----"There is light at the end of the tunnel;" "Don't be afraid as long as you follow the health guidelines being set to us social distancing, washing your hands 20 minutes every time you touch something, stop touching your face, wear masks, as well as sanitizing all surfaces that you can get in contact with.

In spite of all these, there is light at the end of this morbid tunnel. That true LIGHT for us Christians as well as the entire humankind should follow is Christ. If we have faith in Christ, we should see his most Sacred Heart shining brightly guiding us out of this dark tunnel. Furthermore, to follow Christ is to imitate what he did two thousand years ago that in good times and in bad, Jesus always prayed for help from His Father even up to the end of his life.

The Easter Story gives us a lot of hope as what Christ's followers experienced when their faith was shaken after the apostles lost Him but everything turned into joy when Christ showed himself to them after the Resurrection.

Let us reminisce that story.

Today Mary Magdalene makes a most unpleasant discovery: the stone has been moved! Her sense of how things have been going leads her to conclude that the body has been stolen away. Now she is deprived even of the cold comfort of paying her respects properly.

Is this how the story of her beloved Jesus would end? All that promise, all that power for good, all that energy for transforming people's lives simply vanished, without even his body left as a reminder? Could the situation have been more hopeless?

The Easter story is essentially about how Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, despite all evidence to the contrary, continued to hope and believe. What else can explain the way they chose to interpret the "evidence" that was before them without some glimmer of hope in their hearts, the only conclusion they could have drawn from the empty tomb was Mary's initial reaction: grave robbing.

To say that hopelessness precludes hope is a bit of a paradox, but it's true that the disciples had to have at least a little hope that the empty tomb meant something more promising than the theft of Jesus' body.

There's a story of Jeremy, a terminally ill student, who was twelve years old and still in the second grade. He couldn't learn, made unusual noises, and often drooled. To most kids he was an object of humor; to his teacher, Jeremy was an exasperating difficult student. Three months before he died, both students and teacher changed their opinion of him.

Miss Miller gave an assignment before Easter that required all of the students to take an empty plastic egg and bring it back the next day with something in the egg that represented new life. The teacher planned to call Jeremy's parents that night and explain the assignment so that Jeremy would do what she asked, but several emergencies prevented her from calling.

When she opened the nineteen eggs with the children, the first one had a flower in it, and the teacher affirmed the fact that a flower represents new life. The second egg contained a butterfly, which everyone agreed signified new life. The third egg with a moss-covered rock demonstrated new life as well. To the chagrin of Miss Miller, the fourth egg was empty. She quickly guessed it was Jeremy's egg and laid it down without comment. Jeremy piped up, "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?" Flustered, she said, "Jeremy your egg is empty." He looked softly into her eyes and replied, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty, too!"

Miss Miller later spent the recess period crying with a softened heart. Three months later when Jeremy died, his theology was represented by nineteen plastic eggs on his casket-all of which were empty.

The great hope of Easter is found in an empty tomb that promises new life.

