

*Weekend of April 4 & 5, 2020  
Palm Sunday*

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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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**All masses and parish events are cancelled until further notice.**

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**Prayer of protection for Family and Loved Ones from Coronavirus**

Make a heedge of protection around your family with this prayer.

“Heavenly Father, we ask You to protect us and hide us from this deadly pestilence of COVID-19. Your word in Psalm 91 promises us that You will protect us from the deadly pestilence and that even though thousands fall because due to it, the virus will not come near me and my family. We trust in Your name only and in the blood of the Lord Jesus that covers us and our possessions. In Jesus name we ask You, Amen.”



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.*



*Our Lord identifies with our suffering and offers his for our salvation. When we unite our sufferings with his, we are bound to Him on the Cross for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.*



**Fr. Herman will continue livestreaming Palm Sunday mass, Saturday, 4/4/20 at 5:00 PM. and Holy Week services at 5:00 PM – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil.**

## **Just go to Facebook under Herman Manuel.**

**(Tithes and offerings may be mailed to: St. Kateri  
Tekakwitha Parish, 1054 Barona Road, Lakeside,  
CA 92040)**

Also, Daily masses available in English and  
Spanish at [www.sdccatholic.org](http://www.sdccatholic.org)

### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion April 5, 2020**

Every time I hear the Passion proclaimed, I can't help but wonder how things changed so quickly for Jesus in just a few days. We begin the Mass by recalling Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem --- how Jesus rode into the holy city on a colt, proceeding down a road covered in tree branches to the sounds of the crowd crying out, "Hosanna to the Son of David."

And I imagine that nearly everyone present that day felt a deep sense of hope in their hearts, a sincere optimism that better days were ahead, for both Jesus and the Jewish people. This was the man for whom they had waited for so long, the one who once and for all would change the fortunes of a long-suffering people. The glorious day had finally come, and the people could not contain their joy.

But not for long. We know what happened next. It still has the power to sadden our hearts and crush our spirits. For all those who knew Jesus, their triumphant "hosannas" quickly gave way to a tremendous amount of disappointment, bewilderment, and anger. How could this have happened? How could they do this to such a kind and loving person? Yes, things changed so very quickly for Jesus, almost without warning. One minute he seemingly was on top of the world, and the next minute he was being led to his death. And to all his friends and followers (and to us today) it seemed to make absolutely no sense at all.

There is much in Jesus' life that is difficult for us to identify with, no matter how hard we try --- the

miracles, the cures, the crowds following him. At times his life looks quite a bit different from ours. Yet today, despite the incredible story, each of us has the opportunity to see a little bit of our own situations in that of Jesus --- for sometimes our lives take similar one hundred and eighty degree turns. We know quite well from personal experience that sometimes our greatest joys can be followed by our deepest sorrows, our successes followed by failures, our hopes for the future followed by discouragement, our good health followed by serious illness. Like Jesus, life can be smooth-sailing at one moment, and pretty scary the next. It seems that one of the few things we can be relatively certain of in this life is that it will be unpredictable, that it will not go exactly as we had planned. And knowing that this can and will happen often frightens us, holds us back, and fills us with worry. No matter how much we'd like it to be different, the truth is, life's joys can often be fleeting. It was that way for Jesus, and it's the same for us.

Today we begin Holy Week, a time when each of us is invited to walk with Jesus, to follow him where he leads. And as we make this sacred journey with our Lord, our hearts are filled with gratitude for what Jesus did for our sake and for the whole world. What a God we have! And yet at the same time that we remember what Jesus did on our behalf, we are also challenged to embrace the life he sets before us, to respond to the challenges of life in the same way that our Lord ---with love.

Loving when things are going well is relatively easy. Loving when things are tough is another matter altogether. And yet in precisely the times when we find it hardest to love that we are also given the greatest opportunity---an opportunity to be more, to love more, to be more, to give more to empty ourselves more completely for the good of others and, and thereby change the world in ways we cannot even begin to imagine. We might not always understand it, but in faith we believe that life's heaviest crosses can often bring about the greatest possibilities for loving,

healing and reconciling a broken world. Jesus' life and death shows us that.

That's the challenge set before us as we begin this holiest of weeks. As we journey with our Lord to Calvary, let us pray for the ability to live as Jesus lived, to give as Jesus gave and to love as Jesus loved—not just in good times, but in difficult times too, trusting that our crosses aren't the end of the story. They are just the doorway through which being “fully alive” truly begins. Let us use this week to enter more deeply into the profound mystery—the Paschal Mystery -- embracing whatever comes our way in this life. Jesus is the perfect miracle for us. May his example truly shape who we are and who we long to be.

**Have a truly blessed Holy Week.**