

Weekend of March 22
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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, Lulu Cabinatan, 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 Duero, John Holsbo, Pat Wooley, Marvi Artugue, Yanni Aquino, Cynthia Dominguez, Dr. Gerry Directo and Baby Selene Vasquez, Paul Darby, Edna Grijalva, Clifford LaChappa

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

News From Religious Education

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

Saturday, May 16 – 5 PM, Barona – First Communion students

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

MARCH

Friday, March 20 and 27 – Stations of the Cross,
5:00 PM at Barona

APRIL

Wednesday, April 1 – Seder Mill Passover Meal,
5:00 PM at Viejas. Please contact Father or Sandy at church office to RSVP.



Volunteers needed for Easter Vigil morning (Sat., April 4) – 10:00 AM at Barona to dress the church for our Easter Celebration. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please let Judy or Father know if you may be able to help.



Thursday, April 2– Holy Thursday,
6:30 PM at Sycuan. One service for all reservations.

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday Service, 3:00 PM at Viejas. One service for all reservations.

Saturday, April 4 - Holy Saturday, 8:00 PM at Barona

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday,
regular Mass schedule

PASTOR'S CORNER

Called Out of the Tomb

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we draw closer to Holy Week, the readings of this Fifth Sunday of Lent take us to one of the most powerful and emotional moments in the Gospel: the raising of Lazarus (John 11:1–45). It is a story about death...but even more, it is a story about life. “Lord, if you had been here...”

Martha and Mary speak words that many of us have whispered in our own hearts:

“Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.”

These are not just words of grief—they are words of faith mixed with pain. How often do we feel the same? When prayers seem unanswered. When we face loss, illness, or broken relationships. When God feels distant. Like Martha and Mary, we believe...but we also struggle. And yet, Jesus does not rebuke them. Instead, He enters into their sorrow. “Jesus wept.” This is the shortest verse in Scripture—but one of the deepest. Jesus weeps. He weeps not only for Lazarus...but for all human suffering. He weeps for every loss in Barona... every quiet struggle in Viejas...every hidden grief in Sycuan. Therefore, Our God is not distant. He is not indifferent. He stands with us. He weeps with us. He walks into our pain.

Then comes the moment of power: “Lazarus, come out!” Jesus stands before the tomb and calls Lazarus by name. And Lazarus comes out. Still bound... still wrapped... but alive. This is the heart of our faith: Jesus does not just comfort us—He calls us out of death into life. And this is not only about physical death.

There are many “tombs” we carry: old wounds that we have buried but not healed, habits that keep us trapped, resentments we refuse to release, Faith that has grown quiet or cold. And into those places, Jesus speaks: “Come out.” “Untie him and let him go.”

Notice—Jesus does not remove the bindings himself. He tells the community:

“Untie him and let him go.”

This is our mission as a parish family. We are called to help one another: to untie burdens, to lift one another up, to walk together toward freedom

In our Native traditions, we understand something about community—we do not walk alone. Healing happens together. Life is shared.

Next Sunday, we will enter into the Passion. But before we walk with Jesus to the Cross, the Church reminds us: He is the Resurrection and the Life. Even in death... there is hope. Even in darkness... there is light. Even in the tomb... there is a voice calling us forth.

So this week, I invite you to reflect: What is the “tomb” in my life that Jesus is calling me out of? And more importantly: Am I willing to step out... even if I am still wrapped in fear, doubt, or weakness? Because Jesus does not wait for us to be perfect. He simply calls us... by name.

Yours in the Divine Word,

Fr. Herman Manuel, SVD



Jesus Raises
Lazarus from the Dead