

Weekend of May 9 & 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Our regular Mass Schedule is cancelled until further notice.

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.

ATTENTION!

You are now able to donate online to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish on our website, bktparish.com. You are able to donate by debit, credit card or paypal. You can also continue to send your tithes and offerings to:

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish
1054 Barona Road, Lakeside, CA 92040

Thank you so much for your continued support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All

parish events are cancelled until further notice.

PARTICIPATE IN MASS

by livestreaming with Fr. Herman
Weekdays, Tues-Friday at 3:00 PM,
Sunday mass is livestreamed Saturdays at
5:00 PM

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Fr Herman will be outside of the church at
6:00 – 7:00 PM Saturday evenings in Barona,
Sundays -10:00 AM Viejas and 12 noon in
Sycuan

for those who would like to receive
communion.

Please line up in your cars, come out one by
one, and please observe social distancing.

May 9 & 10 – Mother's Day gifts will be distributed
during communion. Please follow the guidelines for
receiving communion.

Mother's Day Blessing

Holy God,

You compared your own love for your people
to the love of a mother for her children.

Look with kindness on our mother
who has shared in your creating love
by the gift of her children.

We thank you for the joys and sorrows of her
life,
the giving and sharing,
and, especially for your love

that has formed us in your image.

Listen to our prayers
and bless the mother
who has nurtured and sustained us.
Give her patience in abundance and let her
find joy and satisfaction in all her work.

Glory and praise to you, loving God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
and who reigns with you in the glory of
heaven,
forever and ever. Amen.

-Blessing and Prayers for Home and Family

From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life

May 10, 2020

I would like to wish all mothers, "Happy Mother's Day! I salute you for all the hard work you have done and continue doing to your children. Children can never repay you for the life you have given them and of course they will forever be grateful for it.

In the gospel of the 5th Sunday of Easter we heard Jesus just like our mothers promising us of a bright future. We will all be going to the Father's house, and he prepares "dwelling places" for us. Certainly, the kingdom of the Father is not a palatial mansion with plenty of rooms. If a house or home is a source of our communion, comfort and security, then there is more we expect at the Father's kingdom. There, we will experience an everlasting communion with him and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thomas asked Jesus, "*Master, we don't know where are you going, how can we know the way?*" With that, Jesus answered, "*I am the way, the truth and the life.*" Let us reflect on these revelations of Jesus about himself.

First, Jesus is the way. He is **THE WAY** to the Father. While he was still on earth, Jesus spoke much about his Father who is also our Father. He talked about his union with the Father, the goodness and compassion of the Father. He

preached the kingdom of God the Father. He gathered the people, and he even ate with sinners with the aim to bring them back to the Father. Our aim in life or in the afterlife is to go to the Father. We hope to become part of the kingdom of the Father. To realize this, we need to believe, and to be in communion with Jesus Christ, because he is "the way" to the Father.

Second, Jesus is **THE TRUTH**. The words of Jesus are truth, and this truth sets us free. Some people think that truth can be relative. I have the truth, and other people can also bear the truth. This is the case of the controversial Planned Parenthood. On the one hand, the proponents present their own version of the truth. On the other hand, the Church also presents the truth of the matter. Which of the two is saying the real truth? The ultimate yardstick for discerning the truth is the truth of God. If we say we carry the truth, we have to ask whether that truth is anchored or has its basis on Jesus the truth? Indeed, the bishops made a pronouncement that, ultimately, "*we will obey God, not man.*"

Third, Jesus is **THE LIFE**. He once said to Martha, "*I am the resurrection and the life.*" In the Bread of Life discourse, he presented himself as the Bread of Life. He is the food that gives eternal life so much so that whoever eats of this bread will live forever. In the Creed, we profess that we believe in life everlasting. This belief has its connection to our faith in Jesus who is Life and the Bread of Life. Thus, if we choose life, then we need to abide or remain in Jesus. We experience this many times in our life. The moment that we distance ourselves from Jesus, we have experienced death because of sin and sinfulness. But if we cling to him, there we experience that we are alive and full of life. Indeed, Jesus is life. Going back to the controversial Planned Parenthood, we find that the issue is not only truth, but also life. The Catholic Church opposes it because it promotes the "culture of death," and not the "culture of life." God calls us to the fullness of life. In a way, if Planned Parenthood is not pro-life, then it cannot be the will of God.

Hence, Jesus as the way, the truth and the life has something to do with our day to day existence. Just as Jesus is the way, we may also be the way or instrument for others to go to God.

At the same time, we should also be bearers of truth, and promoters of life.