

Weekend of March 30 Fourth 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, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, George Arviso, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Paolo Espiritu, John Clark, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke, Jeff Ashii, Rosario and Paul Estepa, Haley Price, Mark Marquez, Lulu Cabinatan, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Connie Devera, Don Speer, Meta Roubedeaux, Eileen Hansotte, DJ LaChappa, Marcella Villanova, Michael McKnight, Lulu Cabinatan, Donald Lee, Gabriel Marquez, Sr., Joseph Kardian, Bear Cuero, Autumn Cheyenne Russo, Frances Banegas, Diane Robetkey, Ed Sloan, Cindy McAllister, Flora Keldani and Gene Cortez, Joyce Rottenberg, Johnny Valencic, Kelly Bonde, Lucinda Thompson, Raelene Lynch
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education with Alyssa Parada:

Barona: 3:00 PM – First Communion Prep

4:15 – All ages Religious Ed

Sacramental Preparation with Mark Price:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Viejas: 3:00 PM

Barona: 4:30 PM

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

APRIL

Sunday, April 6 – Children's Mass at all reservations



April 15 - Holy Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. mass

April 16 – Holy Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. mass

TRIDUUM

Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday mass, 6:30 p.m., Barona clubhouse

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday service with Stations of the Cross, 3:00 p.m., Barona

Saturday, April 19 – Easter Vigil mass, 8 pm or when the sun sets, Barona

Sunday, April 20 – Easter mass at all reservations, regular times.



Congratulations to our catechumen, **Krystal Teter-Woods** for receiving her sacraments of initiation and the following candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Easter Vigil

**Alex Banegas, Tawny Osuna, Lucas
Schoonover, Lucas Schoonover, Jr.
Edward Schoonover, Karina Schoonover,
Tiffany Erwin**

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Joy of the Prodigal Son in Going Back to His Father A reflection on the Fourth Sunday of Lent

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us to reflect on the theme of *God's mercy and light*, as exemplified in today's readings. This Sunday is often called *Laetare Sunday*, which means "Rejoice," symbolizing a moment of joy amidst the Lenten journey. It reminds us that while Lent is a time of penance and reflection, it is also a time to anticipate the joy of Easter and the hope that comes with Christ's resurrection.

In the first reading, from the book of Joshua (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12), the Israelites, after years of wandering in the desert, finally enter the Promised Land. God removes the disgrace of their past and invites them to feast on the produce of the land, symbolizing the blessings and grace that follow obedience and faith in Him. This moment marks a new beginning, much like our own Lenten renewal. We, too, are called to step into the fullness of God's promises with faith, letting go of past failures.

The second reading from 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 speaks of reconciliation with God. St. Paul reminds us that through Christ, we are transformed and made anew and reconciled to God. No longer defined by our sins, we are

given the ministry of reconciliation, called to restore broken relationships with one another and with God. This is a powerful reminder that Lent is not just about giving up things, but also about restoring our relationship with God and each other.

In the Gospel (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32), we encounter the famous parable of the Prodigal Son. This story of a son who wastes his inheritance, only to return to his father in repentance and be welcomed back with open arms, perfectly illustrates the boundless mercy of God. The father's love for his son is unconditional, and when the son repents, the father's forgiveness is immediate. This story speaks to all of us who may feel far from God or unworthy of His love. No matter how far we stray, God's mercy is always available to us if we return to Him with a contrite heart.

The message today is clear: God is always ready to forgive and restore us. Lent is a time to reflect on the areas of our lives where we may have wandered away, to repent, and to return to the loving embrace of our Father. As we journey through this season, let us remember that our God is a God of second chances, and no matter how lost we may feel, we are always invited to come home.

May we, like the Prodigal Son, know the joy of returning to the Father and experience the healing that comes through His mercy.

***Father, I have
sinned against
heaven and
before you ...***

Luke 15:21, NRSV

