

Weekend of March 29

Palm Sunday of
The Passion of the Lord

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, 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 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 Sandy 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

Walking with Jesus through Holy Week

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we begin one of the most sacred journeys of our faith—Holy Week. We gather with palms in our hands, remembering how Jesus entered Jerusalem. The people welcomed Him with joy, shouting, *“Hosanna to the Son of David!”* They laid down cloaks and branches on the road, honoring him as king. But in just a few moments, the tone of the Gospel changes. The same voices that cried *“Hosanna!”* will soon cry, *“Crucify Him!”*

This dramatic shift reminds us of something very human: how quickly hearts can change...how easily faith can grow weak...how often we walk with Jesus one moment—and turn away the next.

Palm Sunday is not just a remembrance—it is an invitation. An invitation to walk with Jesus, not only in moments of celebration, but also in moments of suffering, silence, and sacrifice.

Holy Week invites us into three sacred movements: From palms to the Cross – from joy to sacrifice; From noise to silence – from crowds to prayer; From death to new life – from Good Friday to Easter morning

This is not just Jesus’ story. It is *our story*. Each of us carries our own crosses: burdens we struggle to bear, grief we carry quietly, wounds that need healing. And yet, Holy Week reminds us: God does not stay distant from our suffering. He enters into it.

In our Kumeyaay land—here in Barona, Viejas, and Sycuan—we understand something deeply: that the journey of life is sacred. We know what it means to walk together as a community. We know what it means to honor suffering, to remember

our ancestors, to gather in times of loss and hope. Holy Week speaks to that same spirit. Like our elders who teach us to remain strong through hardship, Jesus shows us that suffering is not the end of the story. The Cross is not defeat. The Cross is a doorway.

It can be easy to stand at a distance this week—to come on Easter and celebrate, but skip the journey that leads there. But Easter only makes sense if we walk through Holy Week. So, I gently invite you: Come to Holy Thursday—and sit at the table of love and service
Come to Good Friday—and stand at the foot of the Cross
Come to the Easter Vigil—and witness the light breaking into darkness

Do not stay outside the story. Walk with Him.

My dear brothers and sisters, this week is holy because God walks it with us. Let us not rush past it. Let us walk it—together.

**Yours in the Divine Word,
Fr. Herman Manuel, SVD**

A Prayer for Holy Week

Let us enter this sacred time with open hearts:

***Creator God,
as we walk the path of your Son this Holy Week,
quiet our hearts and steady our steps.
Teach us to walk with Jesus—
in joy and in sorrow,
in suffering and in hope.
Like the first disciples,
help us remain faithful even when the road is
hard.
And like the dawn over our sacred land,
bring us to the light of new life.
Amen.***

