

Weekend of April 5 Easter

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

APRIL

Wednesday, April 1 – Seder Mill Passover Meal, 5:00 PM at Viejas.

Thursday, April 2 – Eggs should be available at Barona church for pickup for egg hunt.

Saturday, April 4 – 10:00 AM, volunteers meet at Barona church to help decorate for Easter Vigil and service.

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, aby Selene Vasquez, Paul Darby, Clifford LaChappa, Minnie Kaye

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



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

**From Darkness to Dawn:
The Rising of New Life
Easter Sunday**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Early in the morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb...and everything changed. In a single moment, the

world moved from darkness to dawn—from death to life—from despair to hope.

Easter begins in silence. In grief. In uncertainty. It begins in that place we all know too well— standing before what feels like loss, confusion, or even despair. But then... the stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty. And in that moment, God reveals what the world could never imagine: death does not have the final word.

Easter is not just something that happened long ago. It is not simply a beautiful story we remember. Easter is a living reality. It is the victory of Christ over sin and death. It is the promise that no darkness—no matter how deep—can overcome the light of God.

At first, the disciples did not understand. They saw... they wondered... they ran. But slowly, their fear became faith. And that is our journey too.

We know what it means to carry burdens: grief for loved ones we have lost, struggles within our families, the weight of illness, loneliness, and uncertainty, and the brokenness we see in the world around us.

Sometimes, like Mary Magdalene, we come to the “tomb” of our own lives and ask: Where is God? Easter answers us: God is already there... and He is already at work bringing new life.

The Resurrection does not erase the wounds of Good Friday—it transforms them. The risen Christ still bears His wounds...but now they shine with glory.

And so it is with us. Here in our beloved communities of Barona, Viejas, and Sycuan, We understand something sacred: Life comes from the land. What is buried is not lost.

A seed placed into the earth does not disappear—it becomes new life. What looks like an ending...becomes a beginning.

So it is with Christ. So it is with us. The Creator who raised Jesus from the dead is still bringing life out of our struggles, hope out of our pain, and renewal into our communities.

Easter is not just a day. It is who we are. We are a people who believe that love is stronger than hatred, that forgiveness is stronger than sin, that life is stronger than death. We are called to carry this light— into our homes, into our reservations, into every place where hope is needed. Because the Resurrection is not meant to stay in the tomb. It is meant to live in us.

The tomb is empty—and that means no part of your life is beyond God’s power to bring back to life.

Happy Easter

Yours in the Divine Word,

Fr. Herman Manuel, SVD

A PRAYER

**Risen Lord Jesus,
You broke the power of death
and opened for us the way to new life.**

**Walk with us in our struggles,
strengthen us in our faith,
and renew our hearts with Your peace.**

**Bless the people of Barona, Viejas, and Sycuan.
Bless our families, our elders, and our children.
Let Your light rise in our lives
like the dawn over this sacred land.**

**And make us always a people of hope,
a people of resurrection,**

a people who believe that life will always rise again.

Amen.