

Weekend of April 6 & 7, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule

Barona:

Mass: Wednesday 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: 2nd Thurs. of January (6:00 PM) and 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM). **Please note change for January.**

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



Gilbert Rodriguez, Carol Lane, Anita Curo, Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Secora Nelson, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Gabe Dowell, Diana Pico, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Mary Whitespear, Steve and Vera Tucker, Helen Cadiente, Berniece Marrujo, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Stephen Nolan, 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, Judy Robinson

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – April 7, 2019

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM	John and Dora Curo
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Note: THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES DUE TO SPRING BREAK, April 11 & April 18.

Barona : Grades K-8: Class meets on Thursday, 2:45 p.m. and 4:00 pm

Sycuan: Grades K-8, Class meet at 10:30 a.m. before Sunday Mass, High School - Wednesday at 6:30 pm , new

tribal hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS



April 18 – April 21 – Holy Week schedule see below
 April 27, 2019 – Barona, First Communion, 5:00 PM mass
 April 28, 2019 - Viejas, First Communion, 10:00 AM mass



May 2, 2019 – Confirmation, 7:00 pm, Our Lady of Sacred Heart
 May 4, 2019 – Grave blessing, Viejas 11:00 AM Mass, meal to follow

May 5, 2019 – May Crowning, Barona
 Kirsten Banegas will be May Queen.
 May 12, 2019 – May Crowning, Viejas
 Michaela La Chappa will be May Queen.



Schedule of Worship for Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY, April 18
 Barona 6:30 PM
 For all reservations

GOOD FRIDAY, April 19
 Barona 3:00 PM
 Viejas 6:00 PM
 Sycuan 6:00 PM

EASTER Vigil, Saturday, April 20
 Barona 7:30 PM
 For all reservations

EASTER Sunday, April 21
 Barona 8:00 AM
 Viejas 10:00 AM

Sycuan 12:00 PM



Don't forget to sign up for Holy Week readings! Sign-up sheet is in back of church on bulletin board. Thank you.

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Modern Times:

**What lessons can we learn from the adulterous woman?
5th Sunday of Lent**

There's an amusing story about a young priest who was assigned to a small, far-flung parish. On his first days, as he zealously did his pastoral chore of hearing confessions, he noted that many of his penitents confessed: "I fell down the bridge." The parish priest didn't know that it was a code, a euphemistic term which meant: "I committed adultery." Following several more confessions of that particular "sin," the parish priest decided to see the town mayor in order that he would do something about that bridge. When the mayor heard the priest's report, he kept on laughing, knowing what it meant. "Why ask about it, Father?" he said. The priest replied: "Because even your wife confessed she fell down three times!" The mayor gulped and his face suddenly became serious.

The gospel episode in this 5th Sunday of Lent relates about a woman who "fell down the bridge" and was

reportedly caught "in the very act of adultery" (John 8:4).

Just how the accusers managed to catch her in the "very act" induces one to think that these sanctimonious people must have been a bunch of "peeping Toms."

Now these legal experts and pious religious leaders were challenging Jesus to hand down His verdict. The truth of the matter is that it was a well-laid-out trap.

Whichever opinion he volunteered, he would be caught in the dilemma. If he recommended leniency, he would break the Law of Moses which meted death by stoning to such public sinners. If he acceded to the Mosaic law of death penalty, He would be branded as a double-talking teacher who preached forgiveness but did not practice it.

The scribes and Pharisees relished the thought that they would at last snare Jesus in their trap. But knowing their wicked intention, Jesus did not say a word. Instead he stooped down and scribbled on the ground with his finger. (Incidentally, this is the first recorded instance that our Lord ever wrote).

Biblical scholars speculate that he scribbled the sins of the woman's accusers; a psychology scholar opined that it was a face-saving device for the woman's tormentors to "get lost" as the Lord challenged them: "He who has no sin among you let him cast the first stone."

It was an impressive way to cut down the self-righteous accusers and masterfully escape the entrapment laid out by the scheming Pharisees.

One important lesson we can learn from the gospel story concerns judging others. Deep inside we may, indeed, condemn the way the scribes and Pharisees treated the poor woman in the gospel but are we not much different than they at times?

For instance, we are guilty of being a Pharisee when we look down on "public" sinners as people who don't have any morality at all or talk about the faults of others, or when we gossip about broken marriages of relatives and neighbors. Subconsciously, we pat our back and say, "Thank God I'm not like them."

Another lesson we can learn is the hope and joy that it is an understanding God who will judge us eventually and not one of our fellow human beings who are much too quick to condemn.

One final lesson is that God's infinite mercy should not induce us to be indifferent or careless about sin in our lives.

Some might think that since God is so kind and forgiving, this gives us "license" to go on committing sin. Remember Christ's words: "Go and sin no more." Rather, it should make us realize the need for sincere repentance, to which we are called—especially in this season of Lent.

Fr. Belo San Luis, SVD

