

*Weekend of April 15 @
16, 2017*

Easter Sunday

Mass Schedule
<p>Barona: Daily Rosary and 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: 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</p>



Gilbert Rodriguez, Tom Hyde, Elijah Diaz (Bear), Carol Lane, Father Ron Hebert, Anita Curo, Sue Kierig, Bob & Colleen Crowden, Ro Harrison, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angela Samot, Lourdes Adoron, Donna Berardi, Maria Teresa Sloan, Virginia House, Jake Calhoun & Family, Gutierrez Family, Santos Family, Betty Peleo, Floreste Artlluga Family, Balegut Family, Secora Nelson, Theresa Silva, Ernie Magginni, Evelyn McCormick, Nick Elliott

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – April 16, 2017	
Weekend Masses:	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Mel and Buddy Curo
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 23: 1st Communion, 10:00 AM, Viejas.

Saturday, April 29: 1st Communion, 5:00 PM Mass at Barona.

Saturday, May 6: Anniversary Mass for Joan Muller, 10:00 AM, at Viejas. Procession to Los Conejos for blessing of the gravestone.

Sunday, May 7: May Crowning at Barona: Jenna Rain Hernandez is our queen. 10:00 AM.

Thursday, May 11: Anniversary Mass for Leroy Elliot, 3:00 PM at Manzanita, followed by vigil. Blessing of the gravestone at Manzanita, Saturday, May 13, 8:00 AM.

Saturday, May 13: Grave blessing at Viejas, 11:00 AM.

Sunday, May 21: May Crowning at Viejas, 10:00 AM. Jeanie Sepin is our queen.

Please note: there will be no religious education classes at Barona until Wednesday, April 26, for High School, and Thursday, April 27, for K – 8.

Father's salary is due for those who make payments yearly or twice a year. For those who give monthly, please continue. Thank you!

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:

Our parish is organizing and hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Father Herman will be the chaplain. We will walk on the very roads that Jesus walked, enter the synagogue where He preached, participate in the Holy Mass on the Mount where He taught, ride a boat on the water on which He walked and in which the Apostles fished. The pilgrims who have gone to the Holy Land have experienced Jesus' transforming presence. We invite you to join us on this pilgrimage, scheduled for Oct. 2 – 14, 2017. Please call Paul Dion at (925) 784-0079 for more information. Flyers are available in the back of the church.



Easter Prayer of Hope

To have hope
 Is to believe that history continues open
 To the dream of God and to human creativity.
 To have hope
 Is to continue affirming
 That it is possible to dream a different world,
 Without hunger, without injustice

To have hope
Is to be a courier of God
And courier of men and women of good will,
Tearing down walls, destroying borders,
Building bridges.
To have hope
Is to believe in the revolutionary potential of faith,
Is to leave the door open so that
The Spirit can enter and make all things anew.
To have hope
Is to believe that life wins over death.
To have hope
Is to begin again as many times as necessary.
To have hope
Is to believe that hope is not the last thing that dies.
To have hope
Is to believe that hope cannot die,
That hope no longer dies.
To have hope
Is to live.

---Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo, *Prayer Without Borders*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy Easter everyone!

Each year we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's a wonderful day and we celebrate it in many ways. Like Christmas, Easter is "family" day. Often the whole family gathers to celebrate this event. It's a day for chocolate bunnies, maybe leg of lamb and new Easter bonnets. However, sometimes we don't recognize the real significance of this day.

The significant question for all of us is, "Do I really believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead?" He was in a tomb for approximately 48 hours. I know of no other instance in the recorded history of the world which indicates someone is crucified, dies, was buried and came back to life after 48 hours in a tomb. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead but Lazarus didn't have anything to do with that miracle. Jesus was the force that caused his return to life.

Our faith, our salvation, our everyday living depend on our answer to that question, "Did Jesus return from the dead?" It's so important because all of His teaching is based on the fact that He prophesized that He would die but that He would be resurrected. That would happen because He was the Son of God. If we don't believe in the resurrection, we can't believe in all of the other teachings of Jesus Christ. We have to

earth. However, if we believe it happened then the Commandments He taught, His teaching on "love they neighbor", everything included in the gospels and the parables must also be true.

It must be true for the children in grade school, the teenagers who came this morning, the adults and the senior citizens.

Well, what evidence do we have that His teachings are binding and His Resurrection really took place? Well, as far as I'm concerned, one of the most convincing arguments would be the reaction of His apostles. Judas committed suicide but of the remaining 11 apostles, ten of them died a martyr's death. John took care of Mary but Paul was called by God and he, too, was martyred for teaching the good news that Jesus was the Savior promised to the Israelites.

Now, why would these men offer their lives in teaching a doctrine about the Son of Man if they had not observed and been a part of His ministry? They witnessed the miracles They heard His teaching and they heard Him say He would rise from the dead. If His prophesy was false, why would they give up their lives as a witness to His life, death and resurrection?

Also, why would many of the Saints and other men and women accept martyrdom because they believed that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and that He rose from the dead? Why would Mother Theresa, Pope John Paul and literally billions of other men and women also dedicate their lives to telling the world about Jesus' life, death and resurrection?

Our faith is justified because of His resurrection. As we affirm that we believe in and will obey His Commandments, as we come each Sunday to Mass to worship our God, as we propagate the philosophy that we must love and help our neighbors we are saying, "Yes, I believe He was born of a virgin, that in His public life he performed many miracles as proof that He was the Son of God, that His commandments are to be obeyed and that someday, I can join Him in Heaven."

Those are profound concepts. However, if we believe He rose from the dead then we believe He was the Son of God and we have chosen to follow His commandments and His teachings. It all depends on the answer to the question:

DO I BELIEVE?????? YES OR NO???

