

Weekend of May 6 & 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule

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



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, Daniel Vicaldo

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – May 7, 2017

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM John and Dora Curo

Sunday, 10:00 AM Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon Community of Sycuan

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 13: Anniversary Mass for Joan Muller, 10:00 AM at Viejas. Procession to Los Conejos for blessing of the gravestone.

Sunday, May 21: We will have a special honoring of Mary at the 10:00 AM Mass at Viejas. Masses on all reservations will follow the regular schedule.

Saturday, June 10, Sycuan: Grave cleaning and Mass at 11:00AM, followed by potluck.

Saturday, July 8, Conejos: Mass at noon, followed by grave blessing and potluck.

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

INFANT BAPTISM:

We are happy that you have chosen to have your child Baptized. Here are some of the requirements that we would like you to be aware of.

Requirements: Parents and godparents must attend one preparation session. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics, according to Church regulations.

Additional Information: Parents should be attending Mass regularly. They should see Edward Nolan or Father Herman to schedule the preparation session. The date for the Baptism will be set at this time. Only one godparent, of the same gender as the child, is required.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN 7 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER (RCIA):

Requirements: Children must be enrolled in the appropriate grade level of the parish religious education program for two years. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics, according to Church regulations.

Additional Information: Parents and children should be attending Mass regularly. Children will receive Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion at the Easter Vigil or on Easter morning. Parents, godparents, and the children must attend all rites and ceremonies leading up to the reception of these sacraments. Only one godparent, of the same gender as the child, is required.

MARRIAGE:

Requirements: Please contact the priest at least nine months prior to the wedding date. If you were baptized in another parish, a baptismal certificate is required. You are required to take the Pre-Cana, *Evenings for the Engaged*, or a *weekend Engaged*

considered and canonically processed by the Church.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Requirement: Please contact Father Herman for anointing.

Additional Information: The Sacrament of the Sick is intended for all those who are ill, who are suffering from a chronic condition, who will be hospitalized, or who need prayers for any physical, spiritual, or emotional healing. This sacrament can be received many times.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy Good Shepherd Sunday!

It's a lot of work to be a shepherd. To love sheep properly and care for them correctly is DIFFICULT work. First of all, sheep are, shall we say, "small of brain" – they just aren't very smart. Besides that, and maybe BECAUSE of that, they are fearful, they panic easily – they are jumpy.

And they are the same today as they were in Biblical times, when Psalm 23 was written. Shepherding has changed in some ways, but the sheep remain the same.

In that time, when a shepherd took his sheep to the place he wanted them to sleep at night, he did three important things. (1) He put them in a green, protected pasture. (2) He built a fire for warmth and light and protection. (3) He was sure there was a nearby source of QUIET water. All of this was done because the shepherd understands his sheep. He knows that when they awake, they are hungry. If they can't immediately find food, they become very restless and agitated – and then they CAN'T eat – they are too upset. So, if the shepherd puts them to sleep at night with their faces right in the grass – the food – they will have no trouble finding it upon awakening. They will be peaceful and calm and ABLE to eat. And so verses 1-2 of Psalm 23 speak of this very well – The lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He leads me to *lie down in green [verdant] pastures.*

Another thing the shepherd knows about the sheep is that they are very much afraid of moving water. Their vision is poor, they are confused by all the movement they see in the water and they won't go near it. Verse 2 goes on

me." Perfect. The sheep will drink from restful water. And because sheep have such poor vision, and because they are not particularly sure-footed, the shepherd has to carefully choose the right paths on which to walk them. Verse 3 – "*he guides me in right paths.*"

Shepherds understand their sheep. They know what makes them tick. They do not get annoyed with them for being sheep. They do not reject them when they display the characteristics that sheep display. In fact they find them very appealing. They love their sheep. And, in the same way, Jesus shepherds us with care and concern, with insight into the nature of the beast, with acute awareness of how we think.

There are times, in all of our lives, when we have the feeling that we need some shepherding – that no one is really concerned about us – that no one cares. In those times, KNOW that you can turn to Jesus, Your Good Shepherd. He will not find you annoying, He will not reject you. In fact He will find you wonderfully lovable and appealing. Jesus loves you, just like you are. He will guide you and guard you, protect you and direct you. He is your shepherd. He knows you well. You never get lost in the crowd. He has His eye on you at all times. He knows you are His and that His flock is not complete without you.

The Lord is YOUR shepherd – it's true, YOU shall not want. But you have a role in this too.

Your role is to get to know the voice of your shepherd. To do this you have to practice. To practice you have to spend time in prayer, quietly listening – deliberately trying to learn the sound of Jesus' voice. How can we possibly come under the loving care of someone unless we are listening for that voice? The voice of Jesus is always available to us, always speaking to us. The question is – do we recognize it when we hear it? Are we listening?

Take some time now to simply sit and listen. Sit still and listen for the voice of your shepherd, Jesus, the Good Shepherd. And this week, PRACTICE that. Practice listening for and learning the voice of Jesus in your own life.

The
sheep
follow
him
because
they
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his
voice.

John 10:4, NRSV

