

*Weekend of April 29 @
30, 2017*

Third 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, Nick Elliott, Daniel Vicaldo

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – April 30, 2017

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM Community of Barona

Sunday, 10:00 AM Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon Community of Sycuan

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 6: There will be no Mass at Barona,

Thursday May 4: Rehearsal for May Crowning at Barona, during Religious Education classes, 3:45 PM.
Sunday, May 7: May Crowning at Barona, 10:00 AM. Jenna Rain Hernandez is our queen. This will be the only Mass on any of the reservations on this Sunday. All are invited to join us in this celebration.
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.

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

PRAYER FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

God of Justice and Peace,
Mold our consciences
according to justice,
And shape our hearts
according to peace,
That we may recognize the talents
that you have given us
To secure the rights of the poor,
the oppressed, the sick
and the marginalized.
God, we are Your children.
Grant us the courage and strength
To work for justice,
And in this way,
Live out our call
To be peacemakers.

--Jane Deren, Education for Justice

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST EUCHARIST (COMMUNION):

Requirements: For children baptized in another parish, a baptismal certificate is required. All children must be enrolled in the appropriate grade level of the parish religious education program for two years.

Additional Information: Children will usually make their Penance (Confession) and First Communion in the 3rd Grade. Children beginning the program in the 3rd Grade or later will receive these sacraments after their second year of preparation.

ANONING 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

Once there was a tree who constantly thought of his hopes and dreams.

"I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest," he said. "People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches."

Every day he relished the thought of becoming a proud and lofty tree. His dream was suddenly shattered, however, when some woodsmen came and mercilessly cut him down.

Someone came and got the tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked a man named Jesus who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill.

The tree got what he wanted, but not in the way he dreamed of. We might say the same of the two disciples in the gospel of this 3rd Sunday of Easter. As the two were leaving Jerusalem on their way to Emmaus, they felt so disappointed. They were expecting their master Jesus to be the Messiah, but seemingly all of that was dashed to pieces by the disaster of Christ's death on Calvary.

Are we not much the same as the tree or the two disciples? How many times have we had our dreams end in disappointment? How many times have we expected one thing but then things turned out differently?

Bear in mind though: When things don't seem to be going your way, God must have a different plan for you. His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always for our good. Moreover, this Sunday's gospel should open our eyes like the eyes of the two disciples. It should open our eyes to recognize Christ in the events and

work, in our personal experiences. Hence, we don't have to go elsewhere in order to encounter Christ.

He is with us for instance, at Mass. The Risen Christ continues to encounter us – through the Sacred Scripture (Word of God) and the "breaking of the bread" (Eucharist) which two parts made up the episodes of the two disciples' encounter with the Lord. Hence, the two parts of our Mass: Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist.

For many Christians today, these two have provided a deep reservoir of peace, consolation, and strength. The late Mother Teresa of Calcutta, although extremely busy, once said: "I falter in my work if I don't get nourishment from the Eucharist."

Encountering the Lord in His Word and the Eucharist is, however, not just a personal experience or a one-on-one relationship with God.

The truth is the Eucharist is pre-eminently a *social* sacrament. Like the disciples of Emmaus, who afterwards joined the other disciples in spreading the Good News, we must also spread the message of salvation to people by words and deeds.

Unfortunately many lose sight of the social nature of the Mass. Many, for instance, receive Communion in the hope of becoming holier, without stopping to reflect that "becoming holier" means becoming more friendly, more honest, more approachable, and more ready to be at the disposal of others.

Today is a good day to reflect on the following questions:

Do you believe that you encounter Jesus in the "breaking of the bread" at Mass? Do you value the Eucharist by attending it, especially on Sunday?

Does Sunday Mass going make you kinder, more honest, more generous, more charitable? In short, a better Christian?

Happy Third Sunday of Easter!!!



On the Road to Emmaus