

Weekend of March 10 & 11th, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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, Carol Lane, Anita Curo, Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Lourdes Adora, Donna Berardi, Secora Nelson, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Gabe Dowell, Diana Pico, Clayton Curo, Bobby Malibago, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Mary Whitespear

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – March 11, 2018

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM Charlie and Gene Curo

Sunday, 10:00 AM Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon Community of Sycuan



Barona: We are in need of donations for flowers for the Easter celebration mass. If you would like to donate, special envelopes will be in the back of the pews and in the back of the church.

Barona: Classes for Grades K – 8 at Barona meet on Thursdays, at 2:45 and 4:00. **NO CLASS for K-8, Thursday, March 15 due to LA Congress.**

High School meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Viejas: Classes meet on Wednesdays, 3:30, Kateri Hall.

Sycuan: Class meets before Sunday Mass

The Seven Last Words of Jesus

Come discover, the Bible's last significant words of Jesus before he was crucified.

You will be amazed at how much we can learn and how important to our faith his seven last words were. Come and experience for yourself, the remarkable death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus' last words prepare us for the great and joyous season of Easter. Beginning on Thursdays, March 1 – March 22 four weeks at 4:00 p.m. Ed's office



Barona: Fridays, 6:00 PM starting Feb. 23rd
Viejas: Wednesday, 5:00 PM starting Feb. 21st

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 11 – Tuesday, March 13 – Parish Lenten Retreat, Club House 6:30 PM

**“Our life's journey: a Gift from crib to cross
Guided by His Resurrected Spirit.”**

The focus of this scriptural based retreat is an inter-active prayer-filled experience including presentations/guided reflections with use of religious art and symbols.

Fr. Joe Miller, SVD and Esther Delao are looking forward to sharing this Lenten experience with you!

Tuesday, March 13 -6:30 PM Session followed by Confessions

Confirmation Retreat: Saturday March 17, 9-5 Our Lady of Sacred Heart Parish: 4177 Marlborough Street

Barona Blessing of the Graves (due to rain damage) – Sunday, March 18 after 8:00 AM mass, reception to follow Children's Mass – April 15, 2018

First Communion: Saturday, April 21, 5:00PM

Grave Blessing, Viejas: Saturday, April 28, 10:00 mass followed by grave blessing

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Confirmation: Tuesday, May 1, 7:00PM @ Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

May Crowning: Viejas, Sunday, May 6
Barona, Sunday, May 20

God loves the world so much and blesses us with the gift of his son, Jesus. Receive and share this gift of love.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Lent is a forty day season of fasting, abstinence and penance. It is a season that is stricter, in this sense, than the rest of the year. But it is precisely the austerity that typifies Lent that is interrupted today as the Church celebrates "Laetare" Sunday. "Laetare" is a Latin word that means "Rejoice." And it is the first word of the Entrance Antiphon of the Holy Mass that we celebrate today.

This Sunday is more joyful than the rest of the Sundays of Lent because we are celebrating the fact that we are half way along our yearly pilgrimage to Easter Sunday. But, in reality, good Christians should always feel joyful, even when they are fasting or doing acts of penance. "The joy of Our Lord is our strength. Go in Peace." That is one of the ways that the dismissal at the end of Mass can be phrased. In these two sentences the true meaning of our faith is summarized and underlined. The joy that we feel as we recognize that we are faithful followers of the Lord, the joy in recognizing that the Lord wants us to be happy, should strengthen us during the rest of the week. It should give us the strength we need to carry the crosses that will come up during our daily life.

Today, as I said, the Church celebrates the joy of knowing that we have reached the beginning of the last few weeks of Lent. To celebrate this event, the Church allows us to place flowers on the altar, something that is not allowed during the rest of the Lenten Season. The priest and the deacon dress in rose colored vestments, a color that signifies joy better than violet colored vestments, the normal color

for Lent. In this way we do what our Lord always asks us to do, even though the days of penance, we don't allow sadness and sorrow to rule our lives. We radiate happiness.

In the Gospel Reading today, Saint John explains to us the true cause of so much sadness and sin in the world. He tells us that even though Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Light of the World, came to the world, humanity preferred the darkness instead of the light. Even today, many people are afraid of the light, they turn their backs on God, they sin and act as if God did not exist. And, of course, these people, since they live spiritually in a dark and sick world, are afraid of the light. They prefer the darkness.

The Holy Mass is the summit of our faith. Even so, there are people who say that it does not interest them. Some even say that it bores them. The problem is that many of these same people, since they live in darkness, cannot see, cannot understand, that during the Holy Eucharist, Our Lord becomes really present among us. During the Holy Mass, the Light of the World, shines out again in the darkness to show us the road we should follow towards Him so that we can receive that Light in our souls and in our hearts.

A good Christian should show to the world the light received in the Holy Mass. The light should shine in him or her so brightly that they should be the image of Christ for others. In a Christian like this we see the happiness that surges out into the world from a pure heart, from a person who does not fear the Light of Christ, who tries by every means possible to ensure that the light received is transformed into good works that show his or her love for God.

Lent, even though it is a time for austerity, is also a time for authenticity. We know that there are many people in this world who will try to lure us away from our faith. Frequently, we have to make sacrifices when we are tempted to exchange our love of God for love of earthly things such as illicit pleasure, ill-gained success or power. These days of Lent place before us a dilemma we have to choose between the light and darkness, between good and evil, between love of God and love of those earthly things that separate us from the true road to Christ. If we choose good, if we decide to follow Jesus, sacrificing those other things, we will win out in the long run. We will realize that all of those other things only end up

separating us from God and doing us harm. Without a doubt, when we change our lives and choose the good, we become better persons. It could even be possible that when we show others, through our good works, that we live a joyful and pure life completely dedicated to doing good that we will influence family members and maybe even the rest of the community to do the same.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice

