

*Weekend of April 22 @
23, 2017*

*Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday*

Upcoming Events

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

Saturday, May 6: There will be no Mass at Barona, but there will be a Mass at Sycuan at 5:00 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.

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.

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>

**Divine Mercy Chaplet
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Anointing of the Sick
3:00 PM Sunday, April 23**

Divine Mercy Sunday celebrates the fullness of Christ's Resurrection. The faithful are asked to take part in the prayers and devotions the Second Sunday of Easter held in honor of Divine Mercy.



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.



Prayer for Divine Mercy

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent,

Mass Intentions – April 23, 2017	
Weekend Masses:	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Darrell and Roni Romero Doreen Romero-Ford
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sundav. Noon	Community of Svcuan

holy will,
which is Love and Mercy itself.
---concluding prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Thomas In Us

We humans are strange creatures. Many of us are deaf. Yes, I said deaf. Deaf to God's Word. And also blind to what causes sickness and suffering which are the products of sin.

Some say, "If there is a God, He could stop all the wars and sickness and do some good things on this earth." When they are told God raised His Son, Jesus, from the dead to be our Life, they will probably say, "We don't believe it. Show us some proof."

In this Sunday's first reading, we are into the Church's founding. The people devoted themselves to the teachings of the Apostles. They met in fellowship, attended Eucharist together, praised God, thanked Him, all in the name of Jesus. Above all, they sold what they had, and shared everything in common.

There are many ways in which the Church continues communal living. In religious orders, members share everything. They own nothing of their own. Every Christian family is called to give some of their

possessions to the needy. Generosity and forgiveness are essential to family life.

In the Gospel, we hear the doors were locked. Why were the doors locked? Fear. In all the other accounts of Jesus' appearances after His resurrection, His companions see Him in a physical appearance. In this scene, Jesus is able to walk through doors. He shows His wounds and greets His friends with a message. What does Jesus say to them? "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven. Whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." He instituted the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thomas, one of the twelve, was not there when Jesus appeared the first time. When told of Jesus' appearance, Thomas refused to believe it. He wanted to see for himself, but only under certain conditions. "Unless I put my fingers in his hands, and my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Later, when Jesus appears a second time, Thomas is with the other eleven. He is invited by Jesus to touch him. All Thomas could say was, "My Lord, and my God." What opens Thomas' eyes is not the proof he needed, but the fact he had seen the risen Lord. His statement, "My Lord and my God." erases his doubts and becomes one of the strongest statements regarding the divinity of Jesus in the New Testament.

I know of someone who likes to get up early in the morning. When asked, "Why so early?" he replied, "That's when I see the new resurrection. I marvel at God's creation, especially during this time of year, when there is so much new life. As the sun starts rising above the horizon, everything comes to life. The birds start singing, the grass seems greener, getting a refreshing drink from the morning dew. That's when I see and hear God. Try it sometime."

Our own experience is much like Thomas'. We want to believe but we have never actually heard Jesus. Or have we? Doesn't He speak to us in the Confessional, through the priest? How about in scripture? How about in the beauty of His creations? Doesn't Jesus speak to us in our hearts, telling us to be kind and generous to those in need? How about in the Eucharist? Remember Jesus' words to Thomas in today's Gospel, after Thomas came to believe, "Thomas, blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." That's us. We have not seen but yet we



"My Lord and My God."