

*Weekend of April 8 @
9, 2017*

*Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord*

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

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – April 9, 2017

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM Charlie and Gene Curo

Sunday, 10:00 AM Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon Community of Sycuan

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.

Stations of the Cross

Viejas 5:00 PM Tuesdays

Barona 6:00 PM Fridays

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

Mission Experience to Jamaica, May 21 – May 29, 2017: Join a group of volunteers and assist the Divine Word Missionaries in southeast Jamaica in their day-to-day ministries. The cost is approximately \$1,000. To apply, contact: Mr. Len Uhal, Divine Word College Seminary, PO Box 380, Epworth, IA 52045. Or call 800-553-3321. Or contact luh@dwci.edu.

Holy Week Schedule

April 13 – Holy Thursday Service – 6:30 PM – Barona Clubhouse for all reservations

April 14 – Good Friday Services

Barona 3:00 PM

Viejas 3:00 PM

Sycuan 5:30 PM

April 15 – Holy Saturday

Rehearsal – 10:00 AM – Barona

Easter Vigil Mass – 7:30 PM – Barona

April 16 – Easter Sunday – regular Mass schedule

For Holy Week

Born as Son, led like a lamb,
sacrificed like a sheep, buried as a man,
he rises from the dead as God,
being by nature both God and man.

when he judges, he is law,
when he teaches, Word,
when he saves, grace,
when he begets, father,
when he is begotten, son,
when he suffers, lamb,
when he is buried, man,
when he rises, God.
Such is Jesus Christ!
To him be glory forever! Amen.
--Melito, Bishop of Sardis (Second Century)

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Passion of Jesus

There is something of a paradox in the celebration of the Palm Sunday: welcoming Jesus, and crucifying Him; a glory and a tragedy. The gospel serves as a synopsis of the whole celebration of the Holy Week. We remember the great event, the great story of our salvation in and through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The gospel journeys us back to the peak or crowning moments of Jesus' life. It is the summary and the core of why was Jesus being sent by the Father to this world. The ultimate meaning of His coming into this world is being clearly seen in this great paschal event.

Let us try to pick up some significant things in the passion narrative. I can think of three sad things: a) betrayal; b) abandonment; and c) death.

First, the gospel is to be seen as a story of betrayal. We heard of Judas Iscariot, one of the disciples, who betrayed Jesus. Likewise, we have Peter, the trusted disciple, who did not join Jesus in praying at Gethsemane and who denied Him in the presence of the high priest's maids.

Second, the gospel is also seen as a story of abandonment. There were people who abandoned Him. Likewise, His loud cry, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani,*" demonstrates a "seeming"

Third, the gospel ends in crucifixion and death of Jesus. But the death of Jesus is rather seen as the fulfillment of what He lived for. It is the highest moment of God's salvific plan for us. It is God's greatest expression of His love for us.

The stories of betrayal, abandonment and death are also our own stories.

On the one hand, we have experienced these in our relationship with others. Often we are victims of betrayal, abandonment, and death. But in some occasions, we were also the "victimizers" to others. We can hear stories of wives betrayed by husbands, and husbands betrayed by their wives. Infidelities seem to be rampant these days. It is unfortunate that migration has contributed to this occurrence. We can also hear stories of people betrayed and abandoned by their siblings. We can also hear stories of friends being betrayed and killed by their friends. Thus, stories of betrayal, abandonment, and death are real stories. These are stories that some people would either love or hate to talk about. These are stories which are in need of a process of forgiveness; the kind of forgiveness that Jesus gave to His tormentors.

On the other hand, these stories are also true in our relationship with God. Modernism, secularism, consumerism, atheism.... all these contribute to the betrayal, abandonment, and death of God in our midst. How have we betrayed Him? Believing in Him and yet doing non-Christian practices is a betrayal. Professing the faith but not living it out is a betrayal. The absence of the "sense of sin" is a betrayal to God who always asks us to repent and undergo conversion.

Have we abandoned God? Yes, we have abandoned Him! Secularism is an obvious form of abandonment of God. If we no longer see the meaning and importance of Sunday worship, this is an index of abandonment of God. We have also killed God. People who experience a certain power brought about by their "own" resources would say that they no longer need God in their lives. They say that they can live all by themselves. Thus, God is killed by them and is now dead.

The Holy Week is a moment of grace for us. This is a moment of reflecting upon the great love of God for us through His suffering and death on the cross. Love is a two-way relationship. God expects us to respond to this love. But if our response is one of betrayal, abandonment, and killing God, then we ask for His forgiveness and mercy.

