

Weekend of March 17 & 18th, 2018 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule

Barona:

Daily Rosary and Mass: Tuesday 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 18, 2018

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM Mel and Buddy Curo

Sunday, 10:00 AM Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon Community of Sycuan



Your donations for Easter flowers are much appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Barona: Classes for Grades K – 8 at Barona meet on Thursdays, at 2:45 and 4:00.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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



BHOLY THURSDAY, March 29, 6:30 PM

BARONA,

Followed by the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for all reservations.

GOOD FRIDAY, March 30

Barona 3:00 PM

Viejas 6:00 PM

Sycuan 6:00 PM

EASTER Vigil, Saturday, March 31

Barona 7:30 PM

For all reservations

EASTER Sunday, April 1

Barona 8:00 AM

Viejas 10:00 AM

Sycuan 12:00 PM

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

Heroes and martyrs have things in common. On the one hand, national heroes are respected for how they offered their life for the country. They sacrificed their life for the country's welfare and good. Martyrs, on the other hand, are revered by the Church for they are models for believers on how to live out their faith. They sacrificed their life for their faith.

In the gospel today, we have heard of the coming of the hour of Jesus. His impending death is an act of self-donation or self-offering. In a way, the gospel reading explains the paschal mystery of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. Let us try to reflect on the important points found in the gospel passage.

First, Jesus gives us the image of the "grain of wheat" to describe his coming death. If we are familiar with farm life, we can easily understand what Jesus meant. There is a contradiction here: a grain has to fall or die in order to produce fruits. A grain, when it falls to the ground, ends its being a grain and is transformed into a new life. Jesus now foresees that his impending death would mean life for his followers. His death is an act of self-offering par excellence. It can never be a useless and meaningless death because it brings salvation and eternal life to believers. Thus, he has to die so that we may live. His death means our life.

Second, he gives another contradiction: hate one's life in order to preserve it. He says, "Whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life". We can think of some people who were able to live this out. St Francis Xavier,

for one, left or abandoned a glamorous life in the university, and instead, became a missionary. Likewise, we heard about the life of Albert Schweitzer, who abandoned a lucrative career in music and instead, he works as a missionary doctor in Africa. There are many more inspiring stories of people on how they fought against the values of the world, and instead embrace the values of the kingdom. By doing so, they are able to preserve themselves "for eternal life".

Third, Jesus emphasizes the need for discipleship or following him. He says, "Whoever serves me must follow me". We hear of stories about servants who have followed their masters. Wherever their masters go, they follow them. When their masters transfer to another country, they are brought by their masters to that place. Loyalty and fidelity have become the characteristic of this relationship. Indeed, we are servants of the Lord. But Christ expects more than that. It is necessary for us to follow him. Following him would mean following in his self-offering.

Let us reflect further on the self-offering of Jesus which is a mark of suffering. In the first part of the gospel passage, we heard that some Greeks came to Philip and asked him that they would like to see Jesus. It is also about time for us to see Jesus, especially in his suffering. His is a redemptive suffering. He suffered for our sake; he offered his life for our salvation.

Suffering is not alien to us. Almost every day we can experience suffering. We suffer from relationships, and we also suffer from illness. But suffering without Christ is senseless and meaningless. It is good that we take the opportunity to find the meaning of our own suffering. It can be a graced moment if we see it as our participation in the suffering of Christ on the cross.

ISAIAH 53:3. NIV

HE WAS
DESPISED AND
REJECTED ...
A MAN OF
SORROWS, AND
FAMILIAR
WITH SUFFERING.

