

Weekend of April 7 & 8, 2018

Divine Mercy Sunday

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, Frank LaChappa

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – April 8, 2018

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM Charlie and Gene Curo

Sunday, 10:00 AM Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon Community of Sycuan

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8

Come Celebrate With Us

*There will be a special Novena and
Benediction in the afternoon @ The Barona
Mission 3:00 PM.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Barona: Classes for Grades K – 8, Thursday 2:45 PM and 4:00 PM

High School, Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Viejas: Grades K-8, Wednesday, 3:30 PM

Sycuan: Grades K-8, Class meets before Sunday Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Mass: April 15, 2018

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

Grave Blessing, Viejas: Saturday, April 28, 11:00 mass followed by grave blessing

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

May Crowning:

Viejas, Sunday, May 6 – Allison Richardson is the May queen, Cecila Richardson is the crown bearer.

Barona, Sunday, May 20 – Aerin Scalco is our May queen, Olivia De La Cruz is the crown bearer.

Grave Blessing, Sycuan: Saturday, June 9, 11:00 mass Followed by grave blessing

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. We are blest when we have not seen and believe. What will it take for you to believe in Jesus' call to you?

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES AND HOLY SPIRIT MISSIONARY SISTERS

1-800-553-3321

BARONA: FATHER'S SALARY

*Is due for those who make payments yearly or twice a year. For those who give monthly, please continue.
Thank you!*

A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, Help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
To be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature
As we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Divine Mercy Sunday
Second Sunday of Easter
April 8, 2018

Today is Mercy Sunday, the day that our Lord Jesus Christ promised to Sister Faustina in the 30's that he would bestow his Divine Mercy to any sinner that totally repents his sins, no matter how grave and our Lord would not refuse any soul that seeks his mercy. Today's Sunday Gospel comes from John 20:19-31 about the doubting Thomas, which was true in the days of our Lord Jesus and I'm sure it is just as true today.

During the Mass when the Holy Eucharist is lifted up by the priest and raised for all to see, we say, "My Lord and My God!" Thus we are repeating the very words of the doubting Thomas and I can only hope we truly believe in what we are saying for not a single person living today ever saw the sacred wounds of our Lord as that happened 2,000 years ago. But we do repeat the words of Thomas because of what our Lord Jesus said before his disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

But let's really ask ourselves... do we really believe that all these things have passed? How really strong is your faith? First of all, let me point this out very clearly to you... that faith is a gift of Grace given by The Father himself... hence I must remind you of what Jesus told Peter when he confessed to Jesus (in Matthew 16:13-19) when he said, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God" Jesus' reply to Peter was "Blessed are you Simon, son of Jonah for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven." Now I hope I have made this point very clear... that when someone talks about God... he must have been given that gift of Grace from up high.

The first part of today's gospel is also equally as important as it was then that our Lord Jesus Christ breathed the Holy Spirit to his disciples saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." This is a Divine power given to his disciples and handed down to his church and to our priests. So if you ask the priest where he got the power to forgive sin... it comes from this very gospel today, from the very mouth of Divinity himself! This gospel is also the marching orders of the Catholic Church that our Lord Jesus Christ has founded, especially when he began greeting his disciples with these words, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Now you should ask yourself... "Are you in the right church that our Lord Jesus Christ founded 2,000 years ago?" The answer to that is a resounding "Yes" if you are a Catholic... after all; the Catholic Church is only entity or institution that has lasted through all these 2,000 years. It outlasted the thousand year reign of Kings or Emperors that really didn't last that long. Today, we have huge corporations, but the word didn't even exist when Jesus founded his church.

We remember our Lord Jesus founded only one church, not a thousand Christian churches that exist today... thanks to man's manipulation of God's church. So we end this reflection with the reminder to all that today is Divine Mercy Sunday as ordained by the late Great Pope John Paul II for us to confess our sins today and all is forgiven here on earth and in heaven.

... everyone who
**BELIEVES
IN HIM**
receives
**FORGIVENESS
OF SINS**
through His name.

Acts 10:43

