

## Weekend of April 14 & 15, 2018 Third Sunday of Easter

### 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, Steve and Vera Tucker

*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

### Mass Intentions – April 15, 2018

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM      Mel and Buddy Curo

Sunday, 10:00 AM    Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon        Community of Sycuan

## 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

Jesus opened the minds of his followers to understanding of scripture. He pronounced them as

his witnesses. Be the hands and feet of Jesus today.  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**First Communion:**

**Barona** - Saturday, April 21, 5:00PM

**Viejas** – Sunday April 22, 10:00 AM

**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



- **There will be no mass for the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Father Herman will be attending a retreat.**
- **Tax Day – April 17, 2018**

## PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God,  
bless our nation  
and make it true  
to the ideas of freedom and justice  
and brotherhood for all who make it great.  
Guard us from war,  
from fire and wind,  
from compromise, fear, confusion.  
Be close to our president and our statesmen;  
give them vision and courage,  
as they ponder decisions affecting peace  
and the future of the world.  
Make me more deeply aware of my heritage;  
realizing not only my rights  
but also my duties

and responsibilities as a citizen.  
Make this great land  
and all its people  
know clearly Your will,  
that they may fulfill  
the destiny ordained for us  
in the **salvation** of the nations,  
and the restoring of all things in Christ.

Amen

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### *Third Sunday of Easter* *April 15, 2018*

Walking home from a party, two men decided to take a shortcut through a cemetery.

Halfway through, they are startled to hear a tapping noise coming from the misty shadows. Shaking with fear, they are relieved to discover an old man with a chisel, chipping at one of the headstones.

"You scared us almost to death," said one of the men. "We thought you were a ghost. What are you doing working here so late at night?"

"Those fools!" the old man grumbled. "They spelled my name wrong."

In the gospel of this 3rd Easter Sunday, two men also thought they were seeing a ghost when they encountered the Risen Lord (Lk 24,37).

Jesus tried to dispel their doubts saying He was not a ghost: "Touch me, and see that a ghost does not have flesh and bones as I do" (v. 39). He even ate some barbecued fish with them to prove that he really had a body.

What kind of body did the risen Christ have? In his article "Who Would Want to Go to Heaven?" Jim Auer writes that Christ's glorified body was different than before. Neither was it a ghost or disembodied being.

The Risen Lord could eat and drink, but he wasn't limited by material objects like walls and

doors. He appeared and disappeared whenever he wanted. Perhaps this is a hint of what our own risen bodies will be like.

The appearances of the Risen Lord served to bolster the drooping faith of his close followers after He died. "Was he really the expected Messiah?" they asked. "Did he really rise from the dead as reports circulated?" These were the questions bugging the minds of the disciples.

Jesus took the opportunity to open their minds on the truth of Himself as the true Messiah quoting from the Scriptures.

For us Christians believing in the Risen Lord is not very much a problem today. But in practical life, the disciples' attitude of doubt and misgivings may be ours, too, when we encounter adversities, failures and difficulties.

For instance, we pray desperately for something, say, the cure of a sickness or turn-around of a moribund business, but the response is a deafening silence.

Or, we're badly hurt or misunderstood in serving the church or parish, or turned off by the bad example of a church leader, or feel bitter and resentful over a broken family and we take it against God.

We should remember that faith is accepting God not only in good times, but also in bad.

When some misfortune befall us, we say "Why me, Lord?" But when good things come, why don't we also say "Why me, Lord?"

It has been said that there are three kinds of faith: one that is without trials and temptations is childlike, one that is tested but overcome by doubts is immature, one that is able to overcome doubts is ADULT faith.

Which of these do you have?

**Fr. Bel San Luis, SVD**

