

Weekend of March 24

@ 25th, 2018

Palm 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

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – March 25, 2018

Weekend Masses:	Darrell and Roni Romero
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Doreen Romero- Ford
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Barona: Classes for Grades K – 8, vacation next two weeks, see you on Thursday April 12

High School on vacation next two weeks, see you Wednesdays, April 11

Viejas: Vacation next two weeks, see you Wednesday, April 11

Sycuan: Class meets before Sunday Mass

For Your Holy Week Meditation The Seven Last Words of Jesus

1. Father, forgive them they know not what they do.
2. Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.
3. Women, behold, your son - Behold your mother.
4. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
5. I Thirst.
6. It is finished.
7. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

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



HOLY THURSDAY, March 29, 6:30 PM at 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

Jesus emptied himself and became obedient even unto death. Are you willing to die to selfishness? Let Christ reign in your heart!

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Do we stand on our grounds or Do we go with the flow of the crowds?

A Reflection on Palm Sunday

When I read the Gospel of Passion Sunday each year, I always notice the contrast between the triumphant reception of Jesus into Jerusalem and the screams of the crowd to “crucify him” a few days later. Who were the people who welcomed him and who were those who wanted him dead? The same people! How could this be? One moment they hail Jesus as “King of the Jews” and a little while later they want to torture him to death! How could people be so fickle? We have all heard of the “crowd mentality” — how people can be swept up in the excitement of the moment — how they’re passions and feelings can rise to a fever pitch so quickly and then fade as quickly. Crowds are like that. People are easily swayed and carried along with the current of the majority. After all, it’s easy to be part of a crowd — all you have to do is agree with the masses and you are accepted. People accept you. They don’t criticize you. You are “one of them.”

Maybe that helps explain what happened in Jerusalem. People didn’t take a stand on what was right or wrong — they just went along with the crowd. And Jesus suffered and Jesus died — and the crowd went home and forgot all about it.

Has human nature changed in these 2000 years since that fateful week? Afraid not! We are still influenced by the “crowd” — the majority. As a result, the passion of the Lord continues and Jesus Christ suffers and dies again and again. He suffers in the poor and the weak, the falsely accused, the “illegal” alien, the

mentally ill and the unborn child in her mother’s womb.

But this time, we are the crowd! Christians who profess Jesus as Lord and welcome him triumphantly each Sunday, go along with the crowd the rest of the week. As long as the leaders of the crowd are delivering good economic news, we go along with them on all the other, “less important” issues. The “crowd” is seldom concerned with justice for the poor (“they’re poor because they are lazy”), or the falsely accused (“kill them all and let God sort them out”), or the alien (“send them back where they came from”), or the unborn (“a woman’s got the right to choose. Besides, many of these babies would be poor and a burden on society”), or facilities for the mentality ill (“not in my neighborhood”).

But in Baptism and Confirmation, every Christian received the grace and courage to speak for Christ — to be his prophet. But the crowd doesn’t like prophets. “Don’t discuss religion or politics” is an American standard and so, for the most part, we just “go along and get along.” Pornography is omnipresent and we say nothing. Racist jokes entertain our coworkers and we giggle along with them. On death row, we remember “an eye for an eye” from the Old Testament and make no mention to Jesus’ teaching of mercy. And that unborn child in the womb — we wish that issue would just go away — it makes us so uncomfortable!

And so the prophets are quiet; comfortable in their homes and enjoying life. And Jesus’ voice is stilled. And the crowd has its way again. And His passion continues.

In the early part of the 13th century, a young man decided to leave the crowd and speak the words of Jesus Christ. Although he was gentle beyond comparison, this man spoke prophetically for Christ and the people heard him. May his words inspire us today and help us to speak and live for Christ.

Prayer of Saint Francis

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury, pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt true faith in you. Where there’s despair in life let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there’s sadness, ever joy. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled than to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

It's time to change, to find our voice. The voice of Jesus Christ, that was placed in us at Baptism and has been all too mute. Let's pray that God will change us and give us courage that we might leave the crowd and walk with Jesus.

