

*Weekend of May 13 &  
14, 2017*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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, Evelyn McCormick, Daniel Vicaldo

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

Mass Intentions – May 14, 2017

Weekend Masses:	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Charlie and Gene Curo
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

**Upcoming Events**

**Saturday, May 20:** Grave cleaning and Mass at

**Sunday, May 21:** We will have a special honoring of Mary at the 10:00 AM Mass at Viejas. Masses on all reservations will follow the regular schedule.

**Saturday, June 10, Sycuan:** Grave cleaning and Mass at 11:00AM, followed by potluck.

**Saturday, July 8, Conejos:** Mass at noon, followed by grave blessing and potluck.

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

*Mother's Day Blessing*

Holy God,  
 you compared your own love for your people to the love of a mother for her children. Look with kindness on our mother who has shared in your creating love by the gift of her children.

We thank you for the joys and sorrows of her life, the giving and sharing, and, especially for your love that has formed us in your image.

Listen to our prayers and bless the mother who has nurtured and sustained us. Give her patience in abundance and let her find joy and satisfaction in all her work.

Glory and praise to you, loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, and who reigns with you in the glory of heaven, for ever and ever. Amen.

*---Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family*



**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

## **MARRIAGE:**

**Requirements:** Please contact the priest at least nine months prior to the wedding date. If you were baptized in another parish, a baptismal certificate is required. You are required to take the Pre-Cana, Evenings for the Engaged, or a weekend Engaged Encounter. Any previous marriages must be considered and canonically processed by the Church.

### ***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK***

#### Jesus as The Way, The Truth and The Life

To all mothers. "Happy Mother's Day!" In this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, we recognize all mothers – working mothers, simple housewives, professional mothers, single mothers, divorced, the young, the sick and the elderly mothers. We salute you for all the hard work you have done and continue to do for us, your children. We can never repay you for the life you have given your children and we will be forever grateful for it. In the gospel of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter we heard Jesus just like our mothers promising us of a bright future. We will all be going to the Father's house, and he prepares "dwelling places" for us. Certainly, the kingdom of the Father is not a palatial mansion with plenty of rooms. If a house or home is a source of our communion, comfort and security, then there is more we expect at the Father's kingdom. There, we will experience an everlasting communion with Him and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thomas asked Jesus, "*Master, we don't know where are you going, how can we know the way?*" With that, Jesus answered, "*I am the way, the truth and the life.*" Let us reflect on these revelations of Jesus about himself.

First, Jesus is the way. He is **THE WAY** to the Father. While He was still on earth, Jesus spoke much about His Father who is also our Father. He talked about His union with the Father, the goodness and compassion of the Father. He preached the kingdom of God the Father. He gathered the people, and He even ate with sinners with the aim to bring them back to the Father. Our aim in life or in the afterlife is to go to the Father. We hope to become part of the kingdom of the Father. To realize this, we need

to believe, and to be in communion with Jesus Christ, because He is "the way" to the Father.

Second, Jesus is **THE TRUTH**. The words of Jesus are truth, and this truth sets us free. Some people think that truth can be relative. I have the truth, and other people can also bear the truth. This is the case of the controversial Reproductive Health (RH) bill. On the one hand, the proponents present their own version of the truth. On the other hand, the Church also presents the truth of the matter. Which of the two is saying the real truth? The ultimate yardstick for discerning the truth is the truth of God. If we say we carry the truth, we have to ask whether that truth is anchored or has its basis on Jesus the truth? Indeed, the bishops made a pronouncement that, ultimately, "*we will obey God, not man.*"

Third, Jesus is **THE LIFE**. He once said to Martha, "*I am the resurrection and the life.*" In the Bread of Life discourse, He presented himself as the Bread of Life. He is the food that gives eternal life so much so that whoever eats of this bread will live forever. In the Creed, we profess that we believe in life everlasting. This belief has its connection to our faith in Jesus who is Life and the Bread of Life. Thus, if we choose life, then we need to abide or remain in Jesus. We experience this many times in our life. The moment that we distance ourselves from Jesus, we have experienced death because of sin and sinfulness. But if we cling to Him, there we experience that we are alive and full of life. Indeed, Jesus is life. Going back to the controversial RH bill, we find that the issue is not only truth, but also life. The Catholic Church opposes the bill because it promotes the "culture of death," and not the "culture of life." God calls us to the fullness of life. In a way, if the RH bill is not pro-life, then it cannot be the will of God.

Hence, Jesus as the way, the truth and the life has something to do with our day to day existence. Just as Jesus is the way, we may also be the way or instrument for others to go to God. At the same time, we should also be bearers of truth, and promoters of life.

