

## Weekend of April 28 & 29, 2018 Fifth 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, , Donna Berardi, Secora Nelson, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Gabe Dowell, Diana Pico, Clayton Curo, , Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Mary Whitespear, Frank LaChappa, Steve and Vera Tucker, Helen Cadiente, William and Berniece Marrujo  
*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

### Mass Intentions – April 29, 2018

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM      Community of Barona

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**May Crowning:**

Viejas, Sunday, May 6, 10:00 AM – Allison Richardson is the May queen, Cecila Richardson is the crown bearer. All reservations are invited.

Barona, May Crowning Rehearsal, May 17 - 4:00 PM

Saturday, May 19 – There will be no 5:00 PM mass at Barona, but there will be a 5:00 PM mass at Sycuan.

Barona, Sunday, May 20, 10:00 AM – Aerin Scalco is our May queen, Olivia De La Cruz is the crown bearer. All reservations are invited.

**Grave Blessing, Sycuan:** Saturday, June 9, 11:00 AM mass followed by grave blessing and meal

**Grave Blessing, Conejos** – Saturday, July 14, 12:00 PM Mass followed by grave blessing and potluck



**Mass schedule – Saturday, May 5**

**Barona 5:00 pm**

**Sycuan 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, May 6 – May Crowning, Viejas, 10:00 mass. This will be the only mass on this Sunday.**

**Mother's Day – Sunday, May 13**

**Regular mass schedule**



Congratulations on making your First Communion.

We look forward to seeing you on Sundays as you continue your journey in faith.

**Barona:** Angelina Magginni (Loya), Lucas Schoonover, Leilah Maxcy, Dalilah Maxcy, Adrian Galindo, Michael Kostos, Nathan Galindo

**Viejas:** Kyle Mills (baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation), Dakota Alto, Denelle Tsosie, Shaylene Tsosie

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### *Our Home is Where God is* *A Reflection on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

When Jesus arrived in heaven, all of the angels were there to greet Him. After the formalities, they asked Him whom He had left behind on Earth to finish up the work that He had begun. Jesus answered, "Just a small group of men and women who love me". "That's all"?! Asked the angels, who were completely astonished. "Are you kidding us? After all, these are human beings we're talking about here. What if this tiny group should fail"? Jesus replied, "I have no other plans".

In today's Gospel of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Jesus is telling us that we are His plan to finish up His work on Earth. We are to be the ones to bear much fruit. Here is an example of the fruit that one person can bear.

Many years ago, a college professor had his sociology class go into the slums of Baltimore to get case histories of 200 young boys. The students were asked to write an evaluation of each boy's future. In every case, the students wrote, "He doesn't have a chance".

Twenty-five years later, another sociology professor came across the earlier study and had his students follow up on the project to see what actually had happened to these boys. Twenty of the 200 boys had either died or moved away. Of the remaining 180 boys, 176 of them had achieved more than ordinary success in the world. They had become businessmen, attorneys, doctors, engineers, etc.

The astounded professor decided to pursue this further and personally interviewed each of the men. The one question he asked them was, "How do you account for your success?" To a man, they replied,

"Well, you see, there was this teacher..." The teacher was still alive, so the professor sought her out. Even though she was quite elderly, she was still very alert. When asked what was her magic formula for the boys' success, she gently answered, "It's really quite simple. I loved those boys".

And, isn't that exactly what God is asking us to do too-to love other people? And, the best thing about us "loving" other people is that Jesus is right there to help us. After all, didn't He say in today's Gospel, "Whoever remains in Me and I in him, will bear much fruit"? I think that Jesus specifically use the analogy of the vine to show us, not just how interconnected we are with God, but also how we are bound inextricably to one another.

Jesus used the lowly vine because, even though grape vines are gnarled and twisted around each other, they are extremely strong-just like the Church which He set up for us-the Catholic Church. In addition, the vine underscores the fact that there are as many pathways to growth in God as there are members in the Church. Just look around. No-one today has taken the exact same road to get here into the Church. But, they're still here? And, we're here because God wants us to be here-to make our home in Him as He makes His home in us. After all, "home" is where we belong. Home is where we come back to all the time, especially when things aren't going too well. Home is our safe harbor in times of trouble. Home is where love is.

But, our home-our Church-isn't full yet, is it? How many people have not "come home"-have not come back to God, their true home, because no-one has reached out to them-to love them; to befriend them?

We have to be the ones who help them. We have to be their friend-to help them "come home". You know, there are millions of people out there who would gladly come home-come back to God-if someone would only invite them. Are we willing to be a friend of God and invite someone to learn more about the Church that He personally set up for us? Are we willing to help someone save his/her soul?

The love that Jesus has so graciously given us cannot be kept to ourselves. It has to be passed on to others. Let's say that you did help someone come back to God and save his/her soul. Maybe, when they share their testimony with other people and these people ask

them how they came back to God, the person will say, like the boys in Baltimore, “Well, you see, I had this friend...”

