

*Weekend of March 25*

*@ 26, 2017*

*4th Sunday of Lent*

**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

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

**Mass Intentions – March 26, 2017**

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM	Darrell and Roni Romero Doreen Romero-Ford
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Deacon Giles Schmitt
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

**Upcoming Events**

**Sunday, April 2:** Family Mass on all reservations.

**Sunday, April 2:** Anniversary remembrance of Bobo and Arlene Galvan, at Sycuan.

**Saturday, April 8:** Blessing of Mrs. Whalen's grave.

**Saturday, May 6:** Anniversary Mass for Joan Muller, 10:00 AM, at Viejas. Procession to Los Conejos for blessing of the gravestone.

**Sunday, May 7:** May Crowning at Barona: Jenna Rain Hernandez is our queen. 10:00 AM.

**Thursday, May 11:** Anniversary Mass for Leroy Elliot, 3:00 PM at Manzanita, followed by vigil. Blessing of the gravestone at Manzanita, Saturday, May 13, 8:00 AM.

**Saturday, May 13:** Grave blessing at Viejas, 11:00 AM.

**Sunday, May 21:** May Crowning at Viejas, 10:00 AM. Jeanie Sepin is our queen.



**Honoring Deacon Clarke:** We honor him for his 42 years of dedicated ministry with the Native Americans in the Diocese of San Diego. He has served the Jamul, Campo, La Posta, Manzanita, Sycuan, Viejas, and Barona reservations. All are welcome to join us on Sunday, March 26, Kateri Hall, 1:00 PM on the Viejas Reservation. Bring your favorite dish for this potluck.



**Sessions on Prayer**

This course will be on the many types of prayer, such as scriptural, meditation, contemplation, centering, and formal. Mindfulness, a style of meditation that has been sweeping the nation, has one of its origins in Catholic spirituality. Come see which style of prayer best suits you. Our last session will be on March 29. Place: Ed Nolan's office, 6:30 PM.

**Stations of the Cross**

Viejas 5:00 PM Tuesdays  
Barona 6:00 PM Fridays

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

**Mission Experience to Jamaica, May 21 – May 29, 2017:** Join a group of volunteers and assist the Divine Word Missionaries in southeast Jamaica in their day-to-day ministries. The cost is approximately \$1,000. To apply, contact: Mr. Len Uhal, Divine Word College Seminary, PO Box 380, Epworth, IA 52045. Or call 800-553-3321. Or contact [lual@dwci.edu](mailto:lual@dwci.edu).

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

Happy Laetare Sunday!

The fourth Sunday of Lent is rather unique; like the third Sunday of Advent ("Gaudete Sunday"), the fourth Sunday of Lent is a break in an otherwise penitential season. The vestments for this day are rose, as they are on Gaudete Sunday in Advent, and flowers may adorn the Altar.

This day is called "Laetare Sunday" (also "Rose Sunday"), and takes its name from the opening words of the Mass, the Introit's "Laetare (Rejoicing), Jerusalem":

In this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, the Gospel begins with an account on the encounter of Jesus with the man born blind. All his life, the latter had recognized people by their voices only. Now, with Jesus' healing on him, he was able to see what human faces look like. While some people have recognized him, it is also surprising that some of his neighbors did not wish him well of his cure.

The usual enemies of Jesus came to the fore. They were Pharisees who distrusted the marvelous deed that Jesus had done to the man who was born blind. Because Jesus did the healing on a Sabbath, they judged Him as man "*who is not from God.*" Jesus must have realized that it was easier to cure the man who was physically blind than the Pharisees who are "spiritually" blind. He has a longer and harder struggle with the Pharisees who are sick of spiritual blindness.

What is the significance of the gospel story on us? I can think of two things:

First, we can associate ourselves with the

them from seeing the truth. This happens in ordinary relationships, friendship for instance. Most people do not want to see the hard truth, for some reasons. Some fail to see the truth because of fear that they might hurt their friends or family members. Our deliberate blindness does not actually help the relationship. We might be sustaining or protecting the relationship, but it does not enrich the relationship. Why? Because we allow people to live in lies; not in the truth. In these cases, we are in need of the healing grace of God.

Second, we can also associate ourselves with the man born blind. It is interesting to note that the vision, recognition or knowledge of Jesus did not happen overnight. In other words, he did not recognize Jesus immediately. When Jesus asked him whether he believes in the Son of Man, his reply was, "*Who is he, sir that I may believe in him?*"

There are two things which are of importance to us: On the one hand, we should try to live in light. St. Paul has something to tell about this spiritual blindness or darkness. In the second reading, he told the Ephesians, "*You were once darkness, but now you are light of the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.*" This is true! Living in light is related to living in truth. As children of light, we must be a sign of hope to the world. Our light produces goodness which can be a source of inspiration for others.

On the other hand, our journey of faith is also comparable to the journey of the man born blind. First, he knew of Jesus as a "*man Jesus.*" Next, he called Jesus as a prophet. Lastly, he addressed Jesus as Lord. Thus, there is a progress in his knowledge of God. In comparison, we also had been born blind until we were baptized. When we were baptized, our knowledge of God was only insignificant. But the Church expects it to grow while we grow older. It is expected that while we grow in age, we should also grow in our "seeing" or knowledge of God. Thus, there should be progress and development in our understanding and knowledge of God. We must not stop exploring the depth and the width of the knowledge of God.

