

Weekend of January 7, 2024

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

**Barona:**

**Mass:** Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM. @ Shrine

**Saturday:** 5:00 PM mass

**Sunday:** Sunday 8:00 AM. @ church

**Confessions:** By appointment only

**Adoration:** 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).

**Viejas:**

**Sunday:** Sunday, 10:30 AM. @ Church

**Confessions:** By appointment only.

**Sycuan:**

**Sunday:** Sunday Mass 12:30 noon @ the Church

**Confessions:** By appointment only

**PLEASE PRAY FOR....**

Vicaldo Family, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Wendy Reyes, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, George Arviso, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Juan Miguel, Bert Zita, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Romero Family, Annie McTavish, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Blanca Lechner, Paolo Espiritu, John Clark, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Mark Noriega, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke, Colleen Crowden, Jeff Ashii, Pamela Nolan CSC, Rosario and Paul Estepa, Deacon William Clarke  
*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

*Barona: Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.  
with Alyssa Parada*

*Sacramental Preparation with Mark Price are  
ongoing each Wednesday.*

*Viejas: 3:00 PM*

*Barona: 4:30 PM*

*Classes resume Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024!*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM, Barona.  
Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel*

**2024**

**Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 – New Year's Day**

**Mass**

*8:00 AM - Barona*

**Sunday, Jan 7, 2024 – Children's Mass, led  
by Mark Price at all reservations.**



*Fr. Herman will be gone on  
1/1/24 (after 8:00 a.m. mass)  
until Tuesday, 1/9/24.*

**Epiphany Blessing**

O God of light and peace,  
Whose glory, shining in the child of  
Bethlehem,  
Still draws the nations to yourself:  
Bless us abundantly  
and dispel the darkness that shrouds our  
path,  
that, like the wise men, we may come  
to kneel before Christ in true worship,  
offer him our hearts and souls,  
and return from his presence to live as he  
has taught, now and for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

### **The Epiphany of the Lord**

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This observance is originally called the “Feast of the Wise Men” from Persia who arrived in Bethlehem to adore the newborn Messiah.

In many Eastern Christian Churches, the Epiphany on January 6 is the primary celebration of the birth of Christ. In the Roman Catholic Church, Vatican II moved the date of the celebration from January 6 to the first Sunday after New Year’s Day. In many cultures, Epiphany marks the culmination of the Christmas season, being the twelfth day of Christmas.

Epiphany means “to make known” or “to reveal.” Today’s celebration focuses on our Lord’s manifestation to all men and women of goodwill of His divinity albeit in His human form – in the person of the infant Jesus Christ. The Gospel reading today reminds us of the magi (the number, however, was not specified in the Scripture) who represent the Gentiles and all non-Jewish peoples of the world, who paid homage to Jesus. This act of worship by the wise men, which is related to the prophecy of Simeon that this child Jesus would be “a light for revelation to the Gentiles” (Luke 2:32), was one of the first signs that Jesus was sent by the Father to save all mankind,

regardless of race or gender and that the work of God in the world is universal.

This day is set aside by the Church to remember that our Lord Jesus came for all and not for a select few. The light of Christ illumines all men and women and must likewise be radiated by all who believe in Him so that more and more people may come to know, worship, and serve Him and thereby share in the gift of salvation.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is a fitting time to nourish our oneness and Christian fellowship and to heal all wounds of division in our communities brought about by man’s sinfulness. We thank the good Lord for shedding the light of His love and life upon us. We pray for His continued presence among us so that we may not only come to worship Him, who is the true “Light of the world” but also radiate His saving light to all by our witnessing to His Gospel values.

