

Weekend of January 15, 2023 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

JANUARY

Monday, January 16 – Holiday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 17 – Native American Martyrs meeting, Barona clubhouse, 5:00 PM



FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 12 – Blessing of Wedding Anniversaries at all reservations

Tuesday, February 14 – Valentine's Day

Sunday, February 19 – Children's Mass, all reservations



In the beginning, eternal God,
You sent your light to shine in the heart of darkness;
And in these last times you have sent your Word,
The everlasting light.
Come to shine in our hearts,
so that the glory which shines in the face of your
Christ,
may be recognized by all,
and light up their lives.
Hear us, our Father, blessed for ever and ever.

-Proclaiming all Your Wonders

“Hate cannot drive out hate only love can do that.”

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

This new Mass schedule will stay in effect until the Covid-19 crisis is over. Thanks for your patience.

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).

Viejias:

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....

Sue Kierig, , Donna Berardi, Vicaldo Family, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Robert and Margie Cruz, Rick Lechner, Mark Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, Manny Ilagan, George Arviso, Ernie and Emy Lampa, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Nicanor and Evacueto Elman, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Juan Miguel, Bert Zita, AJ & Angela Samot, Deacon Gene Neral, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Barona, K-8th:

Classes have changed to **Wednesdays:**

3:30 pm – 1st year students/ First Communion

4:30 pm – 2nd year students/ First Communion

Sycuan: 2nd year youth class is at 10:30 am.

ADULT CLASS –

Please contact Judy Oyos (judy.otm@gmail.com) or Fr. Herman Manuel (herman_manuel@hotmail.com) for Adult class information.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Listen. . . .God is calling you!

A reflection on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was young, many children like me wanted to become priests whenever we were asked what we would like to be when we grow up. How the world greatly changed when at this time and age, hardly anyone would like to be a priest anymore. It feels sad.

I was in Second Grade when I desired to be a priest. I was going to enter the Minor Seminary run by SVD's (Society of the Divine Word) when my mother passed away. We were supposed to be seven from my Elementary School. As we were about to enter the Minor Seminary, my mother died which was the first death in my family. Being the youngest in a family of six, my dad told me to postpone my entering into an older age because it is hard to be far away and still grieving. So, I took my High School and College first until I followed the footsteps of my mother—to be a pharmacist. To cut the story short, as many years passed, my father sent me to the United States and lo and behold, as I was getting prepared to taking my Pharmacy Board Exams, my desire to become a priest came back to me. It was so strong that it made me to decide to leave my pharmacist and follow the Lord. After several interviews and exams and "Come and See" Program from the religious community I applied, I got accepted and have become who I am today. I got accepted into a religious community, the Society of the Divine Word where I was supposed to be when my mother died. My family, relatives and friends all tell me; I was really "called" by the Lord. The six classmates from Elementary School whom I was to be with, all left the seminary. It is really true, "Many are called but few are chosen."

It is an obvious fact that the Church has been experiencing a shortage of workers in God's vineyard. This reality has led the Church to a precarious state, actually a crisis. In addressing the present crisis, the people involved in recruiting vocations have found out that the call to the religious life or priesthood is no longer appealing to the young because of its demand for a long-term or even lifetime commitment. Young people nowadays seem to want a short-term commitment, and that even in marriage, they want it be seen that way.

The gospel this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time brings us once again to the commencement of Jesus' public ministry. In this passage from St. Matthew, we are also told about the calling of the two sets of brothers: Simon and Andrew, and James and John.

Let us examine once again the important moments in the calling of these four fishermen from Galilee.

First, Jesus must have been aware that his work was something enormous, and therefore, he felt the need of "disciples" to become partners in his mission, in the preaching of God's kingdom.

Second, Jesus first caught sight of Andrew and Simon, and when he walked a little farther, he saw the sons of Zebedee, James and John. In both encounters, he called them. This moment suggests that indeed it was Jesus who called them. And that is true to every vocation. It is God who calls, and not someone other than God.

Third, the response of the two sets of brothers was exceedingly radical. On the part of Simon and Andrew, they immediately left their nets, thus, their means of livelihood. On the part of James and John, they immediately left their nets and their father, thus, they abandoned both their occupation and relation.

For those aspiring to enter into the religious life or priesthood, the call and the response of the four fishermen remain the paradigm of one's vocation. Yes, radical following runs counter to present tendency for short-term commitment. But this is the purpose of responding God's call: to become a counter-culture; the existence and lifestyle are something counter-cultural. If a "called" person cannot embrace the Christian lifestyles and values, then the calling would become useless. The calling has no sense of purpose.

But how about the lay faithful? How significant is the gospel for them? Certainly, it is very significant! Remember that Jesus called the ordinary people, the fishermen. He did not call the "schooled" and the "learned". Thus, Jesus continues to call the laity for a mission. Certainly, the work of the preaching of the Kingdom of God is not only entrusted to the few. It is everybody's business because it is a gargantuan task.

Now, that the number of religious vocation is dwindling, the call for the laity's active participation is becoming more important and necessary. The gospel throws down the gauntlet to the lay faithful. The Church nowadays is in a dire need of lay faithful who, like the four fishermen, are committed to their work. Certainly, the commitment expected of them does not mean that they should leave their work and family. Rather, the lay faithful are called to demonstrate some amount of sacrifice, dedication and love for the Church.