

Weekend of February 19, 2023 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 22 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Schedule - 8:00 AM & 6:00 PM – Barona
5:00 PM – Sycuan
7:00 PM - Viejas

Wednesday, March 1 – Native American Martyr’s
meeting, Barona clubhouse, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 5 – Tuesday, March 7 –
Lenten retreat, 6:00 p.m., Barona Clubhouse
The Eucharist and the Pascal Mystery presented by
Reverend Ramon Bejarano, Auxiliary Bishop of SD

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).

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....

Sue Kierig, , Donna Berardi, Vicaldo Family, Mae Guerrero,
Susanna Gotell, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita
Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Irmira 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, Mike
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.**

‘Be Holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy!’
Embrace the call to holiness, and everyday will bring
new adventures of following where Christ leads.

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ACA Collection

Brothers and Sisters, St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish is
pleased to participate in the 2023 “Living Our Faith”
Annual Catholic Appeal. This year our goal is
\$3116. This appeal supports charitable needs
throughout the Diocese of San Diego. Your gifts make
possible the work that impacts so many in our
diocese: those who attend Catholic school, formation
of new priests and care for our retired priests,
evangelization and accompaniment of Young Adults,
and the consoling presence of Christ for those
imprisoned. Please make your checks to the Diocese
of San Diego. You can make your contribution online
at giving.sd.catholic.org, or by picking up a combo
brochure/response card at the back of the church and
placing in the collection basket.

ZOOM LENTEN SERIES with Brother Ed Nolan

We will explore the dynamic relationship between
Christ and the biblical persons in the Lenten scriptural
readings and the Way of the Cross. There are many
relationships Jesus has that can strengthen our faith
and shed light and insight into our own evolving
spiritual life.

When: 2/15, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 & 4/5

Time: 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Please email Sandy at bktparish@aol.com with your email and you will be sent the zoom link and a reminder the day before.

PASTOR'S CORNER

God loves the sinner, hates the sin

Our challenge: Love our enemies

A reflection on the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christians must love their enemies because Jesus Christ, whom we believe to be God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, has commanded us to.

But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you so that you may be children of your Father in heaven...

Jesus goes on to say that God sends the sunshine and the rain on the just and unjust alike. He does not hate sinners but loves them and gives them numerous opportunities to repent. If they reject Him and the help He offers, then they, in effect, choose their own destiny.

Christians, as the people of God, might very well be the means God wants to use to draw these errant souls back to Himself. This can best be accomplished if they are approached with love, rather than with words of hatred and condemnation.

Each Christian must also forgive and love his enemies for his own sake. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask God to forgive us our trespasses or sins, as we forgive those who trespass or sin against us. In other words, we can't expect God to forgive us if we aren't willing to forgive those who sin against us, or in other words, our enemies.

Hatred is a destructive emotion. It poisons our moments of peace and contentment, it causes stress, and negatively affects the nervous system, sleep patterns, the heart and circulatory system. The old saying that "hatred eats away at you..." conveys a great deal of truth. Usually, it doesn't affect the object of our hatred in the slightest. The energy expended in actively hating another person is ultimately turned back on the hater himself.

But, how can we forgive and love our enemies? We're only human after all, and anger, hatred and aversion are difficult emotions to ignore.

First of all, we must realize that forgiveness is an act of the will. You cannot always force yourself to love an enemy with your emotions, at least not right away.

You needn't approach him with feigned goodwill and false affection which you don't truly feel. He would sense your insincerity and it might make matters worse.

The Christian can decide that, because God wills it, he will forgive this enemy. He will refuse to entertain any negative thoughts about him. He will pray for the enemy and mentally place him in the hands of the loving Father who created them both. He will refuse to speak badly about this person, or to do anything that could harm him in any way.

In time, through prayer and with God's help, the hateful emotions will start fade to neutral, then to those approaching brotherly love. This is, after all, a soul for whom Jesus gave His life. Although he may have fallen off track for awhile, who among us hasn't? Eventually he will ask himself, "Is there anything I can do to help this person along the way to his heavenly home?"

At that point, the Christian will know that he has reached the goal with which Jesus challenged His followers: to love one's enemies. His own soul will be at peace. He has forgiven another and is attempting to find a way to show brotherly love.

The Christian can look forward with hope to having his own transgressions forgiven by the Father, on that day when they finally meet in Heaven.

