

Weekend of March 3, 2024

*Third Sunday of Lent*

**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 Rapczak, 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, 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, Haley Price, Mark Marquez, Lulu Cabinatan, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Fr. Dominic Asare, SVD  
*Please check the 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*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**MARCH**



**Sunday, March 10 – Daylight Savings time begins.** Clocks will spring forward one hour at 2 a.m. on this day.

**Sat. March 16 and Sun., March 17 – Annual Lenten Collection** -This collection supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa and the Church in Latin America.

**Sunday, March 17 – Children’s Mass** at all reservations led by Mark Price.

**Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday** mass, 6:00 p.m., Barona clubhouse

**Friday, March 29 – Good Friday** service, 3:00 p.m., Barona

**Saturday, March 30 – Easter Vigil** mass, at dusk, Barona

**Sunday, March 31 – Easter** mass at all reservations, regular times.

**2024 “United in Christ”  
Annual Catholic Appeal Collection  
Weekend of 3/2 – 3/3/24**

This appeal supports charitable needs throughout the Diocese of San Diego. Your gifts make possible the work that impacts so many in our dioceses: 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 those imprisoned.

Please make checks payable to:

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

You can make your contribution online at [giving.sdcatholic.org](http://giving.sdcatholic.org) or by picking up brochure/response card at the parish.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## **PASTOR’S CORNER**

### **The Cleansing of the Temple is Cleansing of Ourselves A reflection on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

On this Third Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us to continue our reflection on Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection as we share in this Paschal Mystery. The liturgy today focuses on authentic discipleship, i.e., following Jesus’ way of life. All Christians are called to be disciples – messengers of the good news of the Kingdom in our contemporary situation. This is not an easy task. It entails sacrifices on our part, and it urges us to obey God’s laws. But all these we must do out of love.

In the First Reading of today’s liturgy, we encounter the most popular among the three versions of the Ten Commandments in the Hebrew Bible. These commandments have always been a great influence on Jewish and Christian communities even up to now. In Judaism, Moses is regarded as the greatest lawgiver. Obedience to these commandments is seen by the Jews as their way of keeping the terms of their covenant with Yahweh. To disobey the Law of Moses would actually mean a breaking away from their relationship with the Lord.

The portrayal of the Jesus’ cleansing of the temple by John in the Gospel reading today is placed the beginning of the ministry of Jesus, not at the end as in the synoptic Gospels Mark, Matthew and Luke. This is consistent with John’s theological stance that with Jesus’ coming, everyone must be illumined by Christ’s saving love – that those who would like to follow Him must reject evil deeds and must stay with the true light of the world who is Jesus, the eternal Word of the Father. This same message is the heart of Paul’s letter not only to the Christian community in Corinth, but to every other community that he founded. Paul proclaimed faith in Jesus Christ crucified and risen as God’s sole means of redeeming all of creation. A true Christian will be saved by fidelity to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Mere adherence to the law will not save us. Our obedience, our faithfulness to the Gospel should be done out of our deep love for God.

This Lenten season, let us remember that we are called to be true witnesses of the Kingdom of God. All of us are disciples who should be willing to be illumined by the radiance of the light of Christ so that like

Him, too, will joyfully share in the new life  
with the Father. Amen.