

# Weekend of March 13, 2022

## Second Sunday of Lent

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

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

**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 12:00 noon @ the Church

**Confessions:** By appointment only



Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, Donna Berardi, Billy, Penny and Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony Pico, Dolly Albano, Mike Montes, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Agnes Ruiz, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Abraham Pascual, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Louck, David Ramos, Felix Chiu, Edna De La Cruz Yusi, Marlon Amaranto, Sam Halabo, Anita Uqualla, Bobby Curo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Billy Brown, Margie Cruz, Gina Curo, Sam Halabo, Alex Lechner, Rick Lechner, Paul Sanchez, Joseph Kardian, Emilita Noriega, David Ramos, Feliz Chiu, Edna de la Cruz Yusi, Marlon Amaranto, Tiffany Erwin

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (K-High School)

Barona: Class meets on Thursday, 3:00 p.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Anointing of the Sick

**Friday, March 18** – Viejas: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Friday, March 25** – Sycuan: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### **March 13, 14, 15 – LENTEN RETREAT 2022,**

Barona Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Following Jesus on the Journey by David L.

Ungerleider, SJ

March 15 at 7:00 p.m. – Lent Reconciliation Service

**Sunday, March 20** – Children's Mass, All  
reservations

## SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE – Sunday, March 13 and March 20.

Your help is needed in Ukraine where there are already more than 2.9 million people in need of assistance!

There is great risk of additional suffering both within Ukraine and for those who are fleeing to neighboring countries for safety. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and our partners need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs as the situation intensifies.

Years of conflict along the eastern border have already displaced 1.3 million people from their homes and claimed 14,000 lives and now 2 million people have fled Ukraine. Throughout this time, Caritas Ukraine, with support from CRS, has been providing emergency relief and recovery.

Envelopes will be located in the back of the church for this collection. Thank you for your generosity!

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

“Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my chosen son; listen to him.’” (Lk 9:35-36)

Make extra time before Mass today to read from the Gospels and prayerfully meditate on God's Word.

### **Our Mountaintop Experience with the Lord** **A reflection on the Second Sunday of Lent**

In Sacred Scriptures, mountains are known to be places of prayers. In the life of Jesus Christ, after His day's hectic schedule, He went to the mountain in order to pray and to

be in union with His Father. Mountains are also powerful symbols of encounter with God. Hence, to speak of mountains is to expect an encounter with the divine. Like an ordinary mountaintop experience, an encounter with the Lord strengthens, renews and prepares the faithful for the mission God entrusted as we live one's daily Christian life. It's like attending renewal seminars and others.

In today's gospel, it's about the transfiguration of Jesus in the mountain. The word 'transfiguration' means a change in form or appearance. It is the same as the Greek word *metamorphosis* which the students and teachers of science are very much familiar. Transfiguration event depicts a glimpse of Christ's glory and a preview of his resurrection.

But why does the Church put this particular gospel every Second Sunday of the year during Lenten season?

First, to confirm us in our faith that Jesus is truly God and truly Son of God.

Second, to make us reflect and to remember that if Christ was transfigured though God, we His followers should also strive to be transfigured, to be changed and to be metamorphosed in the newness of our minds and hearts.

Third, as what I have said that transfiguration is a preview of His resurrection and glory. The church reminds us that this glorious event has to be achieved through suffering and pain. This truth applies to all of us. Hence, the saying, 'no guts, no glory, 'no pain, no gain,' 'no cross, no crown.'

But before His transfiguration, in the first part of the Gospel, St. Luke writes: "While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white," In other words, He prayed. By means of prayer, Jesus is glorified and His appearance changes. What is the connection between prayer and transfiguration?

They went up to the mountain in order to pray. Prayer is the time to connect the gap between Him and us and to align our thinking with God. Why? It is because there are times that we try to adjust God's thinking to ours as when Peter tried to change Jesus' mind about suffering and death but he was told: "Satan, get behind me." We should not get ahead of God to show Him the way. Instead we have to follow Him. We can go to God and talk to Him not only about our own problems, the broken pieces of our lives, the sad thing and the things we are missing, but also the beautiful things we have received but took for granted, all the talents and abilities and the resources which are still unused. Prayer is not in the first place, asking for good things. It is a transfiguration on our part. We can reevaluate our commitment and find new vision in our lives.

Prayer transforms and changes us. Jesus' face changed when He prayed and His clothing became dazzling white. God's love and mercy shine forth in our hearts and in our relationship. When we pray we cannot get rid of revenge, with jealousy or anger in our hearts but our hearts and outlook in life certainly will change. We become holy through our prayers. Prayer helps us to become more loving and wise. Through prayer we come closer to God

Prayer gives strength. Prayer gives us strength to go on with our life. We may feel that we are not alone because God is with us.

Prayer makes us move on. Meeting God in prayer is important. It is like stopping at a gasoline station during a very long trip. We buy gasoline for the next trip. We can ask for directions and even stretch out our legs. Prayer also gives us orientation and energy to go on. It is not a withdrawal from life but a needed stop to continue with a renewed confidence and strength in God.

Fr. Jerry Orbos, SVD suggested a very beautiful prayer that we can say after receiving the Holy Communion and during those visits to the Blessed Sacrament. He said that with head bowed, eyes closed and hand over heart, pray the A-L-T-A-R prayer:

**A** – dore the Lord, who is in your heart. Accept Him with joy, humility and love.

**L**– isten to the Lord, who is in your heart. What is He telling you in the silence of your heart?

**T** – hank the Lord for His goodness and love, for His forgiveness and patience even for your challenges and problems.

**A** – sk the Lord for anything you need. Ask not only for yourself but for others too.

**R** – ejoice in the Lord, whatever you're going through. Be glad, be hopeful because Jesus is in your heart and because He will be with you always.

So, let us listen to Jesus, the transfigured one in prayer and follow faithfully, religiously as transfigured people of God. Let us spend more time in prayer. Praying is not trying to get God on our side but making sure we are on God's side and bring us closer to Him who lives within our heart.

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