

Weekend of May 14
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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, 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, 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, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Juan Miguel, Bert Zita, AJ & Angela Samot, Deacon Gene Neral, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Annie McTavish, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Blanca Lechner

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Religious Education

Religious Education will begin in September 2023. Please contact Fr.

Herman or Judy Oyos if you are interested in classes.

Registration forms are available at church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

MAY

May 8-20 – Fr. Herman will be gone. Fr. Soney Sebastian, SVD will be here for Saturday and Sunday mass on 5/13 & 5/14. Fr. Joe Miller, SVD will be here on 5/20 & 5/21.

Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day

May 18 & May 25 – May Crowning Practice for Barona, 5:00 p.m. at church

Sunday, May 28 – 10:00 AM May Crowning at Barona. May queen will be Daniela Osuna. One mass for all reservations.

Mother's Day Blessing

Holy God,

You compared your own love for your people to the love of a mother for her children. Look with kindness on our mother who has shared in your creating love by the gift of her children.

We thank you for the joys and sorrows of her life, the giving and sharing, and, especially for your love that has formed us in your image.

Listen to our prayers and bless the mother who has nurtured and sustained us. Give her patience in abundance and let her find joy and satisfaction in all her work.

Glory and praise to you, loving God, Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, and who reigns with you in the glory of heaven, for ever and ever. Amen.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to embrace our Faith with a whole heart, but we must receive this gift in humility.

Divine Word Missionaries and Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit

PASTOR’S CORNER

Loving Jesus is Keeping His Commandments

A reflection on the 6th Sunday of Easter

Migration is a phenomenon that is globally observable in the past decades. For a parent who leaves, the moment can be difficult to handle. Certainly, he or she would leave a number of instructions to the children he or she leaves behind. However, despite the pain, there is always an assurance that they would keep in touch with each other. With the help of the advance means of communications today, the children are assured that they are not left abandoned.

In this 6th Sunday of Easter Gospel, Jesus was preparing for his imminent departure. He was about to go back or ascend to his Father. Like ordinary human beings, his departure was not also easy to take. He knows his disciples will be sad. But he gives them some kind of assurance. He says that there is nothing to worry about because he will always be present with them. That presence comes in another form through the sending of the Advocate. Let us try to reflect on some of these moments in the gospel passage that we heard.

First, Jesus gives an assurance to his disciples by saying, “*I will not leave you orphans.*” With his promise, Jesus shows great concern toward his disciples. When children are being left orphans, they are placed in a dangerous situation. If nobody keeps or takes care of them, it is going to be a miserable situation. Children may have a difficult life and a life without a direction. In the same way, the departure of Jesus places the life of the disciples into a difficult situation. Who will then give them guidance and direction that they need? Jesus assures them that he will send them the Spirit-Advocate.

Second, Jesus will have a new presence through the Spirit. His presence takes a new form. According to St

John, this Spirit is actually the Spirit of Christ or the Spirit of the Son. Jesus describes the Spirit as the Spirit of truth. This does not mean that the Spirit will give new truths to the disciples. Let us take note that Jesus said of himself “the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” So, Jesus is the ultimate Truth. If Jesus calls the Spirit as Spirit of truth, what he means is that the Spirit will be with the disciples in order to teach them and to guide them to all truth. The truths or the truths have already been revealed by Jesus. It is now the turn of the Spirit to enlighten the disciples so that they would understand the truths which were taught or given by Jesus.

Third, Jesus gives his own expectations to his disciples. As in the case of a departing father, he would tell his children to behave accordingly during his absence. He would tell their children to love each other, getting rid of quarrels, and study well. On the part of Jesus, his departing instruction to his disciples was to keep his commandments. He says, “*If you love me, you will keep my commandments.*” Thus, keeping Jesus’ commandments is the consequence of their love for Jesus. It is an indication or a proof that they love Jesus. In the final analysis, the commandment that Jesus referred to is the commandment of love or the commandment to love one another.

This then calls us for a healthy attitude toward the commandments of God and commandments of Jesus. In our childhood catechesis, we have been taught about God’s commandments and laws of the Church. When we were younger, we observed them because we had the fear of God. But as we grow older, our attitude starts to change. Often, we defy these commandments. We seem not to fear God anymore. But we have look and reflect once again on the words of Jesus: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments... Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.” Therefore, observing the commandments is but our expression of the love of God.

