

Weekend of June 18
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Father's Day

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, Romero Family, 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

**** JUNE ****

Thursday, June 22 – Native American Martyrs Meeting, 5:00 p.m. light dinner, 6:00 p.m. meeting – Barona clubhouse

**** JULY ****

Tuesday, July 4 – Independence Day

Saturday, July 8 – 12:00 p.m. Los Conejos Mass and Grave Blessing

Peter's Pence Collection, June 24-25, 2023

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html. Envelopes will be available during this time.



"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, so ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest."

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PASTOR'S CORNER

God's Call to Do His Work A reflection on the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The story is told about a father who, as he lay dying, instructed his son to get a bag of money and hide it in the attic. A month after the father died, the son went to the attic and saw the bag of money still there. Just then, his father's voice was heard: "Son I did not go 'up.' You should have placed it at the basement instead where I could have picked it up on my way 'down'!"

Today is Father's Day. Congratulations and good luck to all fathers! Fatherhood is a God-given mission. It is not just an obligation, neither is it just a human aspiration, nor just a personal passion. It is a commitment to become a real shepherd, and to become a worker-disciple in the Lord's vineyard. The call on every father is to focus not so much on worldly "commission" but on the divine mission.

In today's Gospel (Mt. 9, 36-10, 8) Jesus calls His twelve apostles to help Him in His mission, especially to get back lost sheep of the house of Israel. Someone once said that Jesus was the perfect CEO (chief executive officer) because of the clarity of His vision-mission, and of His goals and objectives as well. Among those called to carry out the mission, the weak and fearful disciples like you and me who can deter, delay, or even bungle up the whole operation are the "weakest link" in this enterprise and opus. And yet the mission goes on, not so much because of us, but often, in spite of us.

Discipleship is not so much doing, but being. Go down the list of the 12 apostles and you'll notice that nothing was said to describe what they did—except Matthew, "the tax collector," and Judas, "who betrayed Him."

Perhaps that should lead to deeper appreciation of our personhood rather than of our so-called achievements, not so much of what we carry in our hands, but what we carry in our hearts.

We have a neighbor in Quezon City who lives alone since his wife died some years ago. He is now in his late 70s. He has a son who lives nearby, but who never or hardly visits him. He has given his son everything—house, car, money, but for some reason or another, this son, including his whole family, has no respect, care and love for him. Can a father be so bad? Or can a son be so bad? Will death be the only way to put a closure to this sad and lonely situation? That's what the son seems to be saying by his silence, coldness and indifference.

A father, they say, is one who used to have money in his wallet, but now only has pictures of his loved ones. Let us be reminded today to stand by our parents long after they have ceased to be productive and "useful." It is sad that some parents are badly treated or just tolerated in their retirement years. Remember, blessings come to those who care for and love their parents to the very end. What you do to others that too will be done to you.

There is a downside when fathers have too much money in their wallets. No problem with preparing the children materially for a bright future. However, when the focus is on the "having," somehow the "being" is affected. Remember, fatherhood is not so much about becoming somebody but being a someone.

Can a father be so self-sacrificing for a son, and happily at that? Ted Terrenal, a former classmate in the seminary never re-married after his wife Pauline died 20 years ago. Their only child Ryan was only 5 years old then. All those years, Ted took good care of Ryan and set aside his own social and love life for the sake of his child. I have seen how the two of them just stuck it out with each other through thick and thin, never letting anything or anyone go in between them. Well, Ryan got married yesterday, and I asked Ted now 54 years old, if he too will get married finally, and his response was: "Maybe, as long as Ryan is OK." Now, that's what we'd call serving and loving precious Ryan!

Happy Father's Day!

-Fr. Gerry Orbos, SVD