

Weekend of July 16

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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*Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM, Barona.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

****AUGUST****

Saturday, August 5 & Sunday, August 6 –
Deacon Charles Navarrete (The Emiliani Project) will be leading mass and sharing his mission work as part of the Missionary Cooperation Plan at each reservation.

Sunday, August 13 - 10 AM, Barona –
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary mass, lunch to follow. All reservations invited.

Giving Thanks for Summer

*Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.
Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy
Your creation.
Thank You for the increased time I have to be
with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer
season.
Draw me closer to You this summer.
Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am or what I am doing.
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your
presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.*

- Author Unknown



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PASTOR'S CORNER

The Lily of the Mohawks and the Parable of the Sower

**A reflection on the 15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time on the
Feast Day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

Happy Feast Day!

It is a joy to celebrate on this 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the feast day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Saint Kateri is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint of the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656 in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawks and who took a Mohawk chief for her husband. She is known as the Lily of the Valley. She is a patron saint for ecologists, environment, environmentalists, loss of parents, people in exile, people ridiculed for their piety, loss of parents, people in exile, and Native Americans.

In today's Gospel (Mt. 13, 1-23) Jesus tells His disciples about the Parable of the Sower who planted seeds on all sorts of grounds. The seeds were good, but their growth and produce depended on where they were sown. In other words, God's grace can operate only if and when we cooperate with it. None of us has a monopoly over God, or godliness for that matter. Neither will our religion be a guarantee for our salvation. We must move beyond names and labels, and make God and godliness present and alive in the day-to-day realities we encounter.

A person who blames God for bad things that happen in his/her life has still a long way to go. A person who keeps blaming others for his/her misery and travails in life also has still a long journey up ahead. A person who takes full responsibility and owns up to whatever situation he/she is in has arrived.

The soil, as we know, can be enriched, or can be impoverished. Good as it is, the Word of God, can produce a hundredfold harvest in

each one of us, or can just wither and die depending on our openness and obedience. The saints and martyrs have shown to us that even in the most adverse conditions, the Word of God can come alive in a heart that is humble and contrite.

Whenever we encounter persecution or criticism of any kind this should lead us to soul-searching and prayer. Trials should bring us to our knees, humble us, purify us, and strengthen us. Whenever we are faced with trials, the soil that is in us is being fertilized.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha has experienced so many trials and persecutions during her life time. Disfigured because of a smallpox epidemic in her village, virtually blind, avoided members of her tribe because her mother and father were from differing tribes and shunned after she became Christian, Kateri moved to a settlement near Quebec.

She had taken a vow of chastity which meant she would never marry but devote herself to Jesus Christ. This is the reason why she is called, "Lily of the Mohawks." Her life was that of a contemplative. The story is told of her placing crosses made of twigs on trees to remind her of Christ and to give her places of prayer. She died at the age of twenty-four.

Her memorial is an opportunity for us to remember fellow Native Americans on our continent. Of the five million Native Americans, about 500,000 are Catholic. We pray that through the intercession of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lord continues to bless us all.

