

Weekend of August 20  
*Twentieth 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).

**Viejias:**

**Sunday:** Sunday, 10:30 AM. @ Church

**Confessions:** By appointment only.

**Sycuan:**

**Sunday:** Sunday Mass 12:30 noon @ the Church

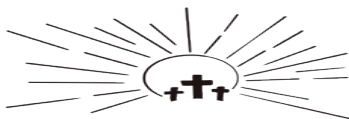
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR....**

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 Raczak, 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, Bert Zita, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Romero Family, Annie McTavish, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Blanca Lechner, Virginia Brynwood, Paolo Espiritu, John Clark, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo  
*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

*Classes will begin in September 2023.  
Please contact church office at  
619-443-3412 or [bktparish@aol.com](mailto:bktparish@aol.com) for  
registration papers.*



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

*AUGUST*

**Wednesday, August 30** – 10:00 AM at Barona church office. 90<sup>th</sup> Year of Barona Mission planning meeting.

**A Prayer for Teachers and Students**

**Lord Jesus,  
You are the teacher of teachers.  
Before you we are all learners.  
As we delve into life's mysteries,  
Each day carries lessons for us.  
Enlighten our minds. Open our hearts.  
Give us the blessing of your presence  
in our studies, and the will to work  
together  
with commitment to the glory of  
God and the good of all the world.  
Amen.  
-Sr. Helen Rolfson, OSF**



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## PASTOR'S CORNER

### **Perseverance through Prayers: Miracles Happen**

A reflection on the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary time

There's an old saying which goes, "If at first you don't succeed, try and try again." (This doesn't apply to committing suicide, of course!)

That was just what the Canaanite woman did in the gospel of this 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. She kept on pestering the Lord, to the point of vexation, to cure her possessed daughter. Jesus tried to ignore her, then rebuffed her, finally insulted her by insinuating she was a hound. "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the hounds" (Mt 15:16). She was undaunted. Instead, she turned the table around by making a smart repartee, which surprised Jesus, "Ah yes, sir; but even hounds can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table." Jesus was so impressed by the woman's brash reply that he exclaimed, "Woman, great is your faith. Let your wish be granted." The lesson is we shouldn't get discouraged in our prayers with God. We should be "cheeky"; in local parlance, "thick-face" and, like that Canaanite woman, our perseverance will be rewarded.

Some say, however, that their prayers fall on deaf ears. We should remember that prayer begins with the risk of asking or entrusting ourselves to silence, uncertainty, and even rebuff. Hence, the saying, "Man proposes; God disposes."

Moreover, our prayer may not be answered because God has other plans. This is the case of Louis Martin, a French man, who wanted to become a priest. He was, however, turned

down because of poor health. He worked and eventually got married to Celia Guerin. A devout Catholic couple, they bore nine children (at that time, there was no family planning yet!) and four of the girls entered the Carmelite Convent. One of them became outstanding in prayers, penance, and simplicity that she eventually became a saint, that is, St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Had Louis become a priest, we would not have a Millennium Saint today.

The other lesson we can learn from the gospel episode is that God does not discriminate against anyone. The woman was not a Jew. For the Jews who were ultra-nationalistic, helping or doing a favor for a non-Jew was not only forbidden but even considered a grave offense. But Jesus broke the barrier when he helped the Canaanite woman. As followers of Christ, we should avoid all forms of discrimination, whether racial, religious, or social.

We should ask ourselves: Is my faith in God persevering in good times but especially in bad? Or do I easily get discouraged? On discrimination, do you look down on people because of their religious beliefs or low social status?

We need to check our attitude and deeds against Jesus' teachings.