

Weekend of August 21, 2022 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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).

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, Martha Boone, Donna Berardi, Billy, Penny and Daniel Vicaldo, Anthony Pico, Dolly Albano, Mike Montes, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Rosario Ravasco, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Abraham Pascual, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Louck, David Ramos, Felix Chiu, Edna De La Cruz Yusi, Marlon Amaranto, Sam Halabo, Bobby Curo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Billy Brown, Robert and Margie Cruz, Gina Curo, Rick Lechner, Mark Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, Xien Cabanero, Dennis Colton, Manny Ilagan, George Arviso, Ernie and Emy Lampa and Ludy Sierra, Cita Welch, Rose Ramos

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

(K-High School) – Classes will begin Thursday, September 8th. Please contact church office if you would like to register. All classes are a two year program.

Barona, K-8th: New classes will resume on **Thursday, September 8th**. **Barona, High School:** Thursday, 3:00 p.m. (classroom under the club house) – classes will resume on **Thursday, September 8th**.

Please contact Judy Oyos (judy.otm@gmail.com) for Adult classes or for more information

regarding classes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Wednesday, August 24 – Meeting for the recognition of San Diego Martyrs meeting at Barona clubhouse. 5:00 PM – Dinner, 6:00 PM – meeting.

Please call 619-443-3412 or email bktparish@aol.com to RSVP.

Sunday, September 4 – Deacon Phong Nguyen will be at our masses and assisting at Mass and sharing about his mission in Vietnam.

Sunday, September 11 – 10:30 AM, Viejas – Feast Day of Viejas, followed by potluck. One mass for all reservations.

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Will you help gather people to be a part of the reign of God? Pray to be open if God calls you to serve as priest, deacon, brother, or sister.

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Online Discussion Series by Divine Word Missionaries

Designed for single, Catholic men (18-35)

THURSDAY, 8/25/22 – Focus: Caribbean, 8 p.m. central time

Currently, 17 Divine Word Missionaries work on 10 different islands located in the Caribbean Sea. Join us as we talk with some SVD missionaries who serve these islands to learn more about their ministry. Host: Mr. Len Uhal, SVD

Go to www.sdvocations to register

PASTOR'S DESK

Where is the Soul of Princess Diana?

A reflection on the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

On August 31, 1998, the first anniversary of the death of Princess Diana, many papers came out with the headline “Where is the Soul of Princess Diana.” They were reporting the story that some women in England had withdrawn their children from an Evangelical Sunday school because the Sunday school teachers were teaching the kids that the soul of Princess Diana was in hell, whereas the women had already told their children that the soul of the Princess was in heaven. As a result, the question, “Where is the soul of Princess Diana?” became an issue. A popular radio station in Toronto went as far as to interview the Archdeacon of the Anglican Diocese to find out exactly the whereabouts of Princess Diana’s soul.

How would Jesus have answered such a question? Suppose Jesus was on earth today and a reporter went to him and asked him, “Where is Princess Diana’s soul?” what would be his answer? I think Jesus would look the reporter in the eye and tell him or her, “Try and save your own soul now that you still have the chance.”

This is exactly what is happening in today’s gospel. Jesus is going through the towns and villages teaching and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone interrupts him and asks, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” (Luke 13:33). How does Jesus answer? “My friend, strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able” (v. 24). We see that Jesus is not really answering the man’s question: “Will only a few be saved?” In fact, he is answering a more important question, “How can I be saved?”

As far as the important question of our salvation is concerned, there are two kinds of questions we could ask. We could ask a curious question aimed at obtaining information, facts and figures that do not affect our salvation one way or the other. Or we could ask a relevant question, which is a sincere quest for the truth that leads to salvation. Go through the gospels and you will find that Jesus has no time for questions of curiosity. In fact, whenever someone asks a question of mere curiosity, he does not answer

it but uses the occasion to answer the relevant question that such a person should be asking. “Lord will only a few be saved?” is a typical question of curiosity. If we have the answer, how will it affect our salvation one way or the other? So, Jesus switches the question to one that is relevant for salvation and responds to the inquirer, “**Strive to enter through the narrow door...**”

Curious questions have a special appeal to the mass media and to popular imagination. When will the world come to an end? When is Armageddon coming? Who is the Anti-Christ? What is 666, the mark of the Anti-Christ? What about the three days darkness? I want you to see that these are all questions of curiosity. Jesus does not answer such questions. Just before his Ascension his disciples asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” How did he reply? “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:6-8).

On a lighter mood, an open-air evangelist, preaching on today’s gospel text was warning his congregation about the eternal damnation. “On the day of Judgment,” he said, “there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” But an old woman in the crowd asked, “Look preacher, I got no teeth!” “Never mind,” says the evangelist, “teeth will be provided.” A curious question indeed!

So, you see, it is a waste of breath to ask, “Where is the soul of Princess Diana?” It is a good example of a question of curiosity. Rather we should be asking questions of personal importance like, “What do I need to do to be saved? How can I serve God better in my present situation in life? How can I make use of the opportunities God gives me here and now for my eternal salvation?” Let us take a moment and ask ourselves some of these relevant questions today.

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