

Weekend of August 27

Twenty-first 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

Confessions: By appointment only

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, Midge Svien, Rogelio Noriega, Carol Richardson

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Wednesday, 9/6/23 at Barona

Classrooms. – Meet and Greet the teachers for religious education. Come by anytime between 4-6 p.m. and ask questions, say hello and pick up 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. 90th Year of Barona Mission planning meeting.

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 4 – Labor Day

Wednesday, September 6 - Religious Education Teachers meet and greet. Stop by anytime from 4-6 p.m. at Barona church classrooms.

“When we serve the poor and the sick we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors, because in them we serve Jesus.”

-St. Rose of Lima



BKT Parish

bktparish.com

PASTOR'S CORNER

Who Do You Say that I am?

**A reflection on the
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Have you ever met somebody on the street or right at your doorway who questions the authority of the Pope or the Catholic Church, and the foundation of your faith? How do you deal with them and still remain respectful? A very devout elderly woman shared with us how she managed to do just that. Whenever somebody comes to her house, she would just simply tell them: "I am already old and I am not an expert at what you are saying. Perhaps, you might want to explain it to my son (a bishop) when he is around, or go to the parish priest. And when you can convince them to join you, then, come back, and I will pray over it." Since then, no one came to see her again.

The Gospel today offers us one of the scriptural foundations for the Catholic Church's deep allegiance to the Holy Father, now Pope Francis and the 266th Pope in an unbroken line of apostolic succession since the time of St. Peter, the first leader of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

The most elaborate and excessive account of the primacy of Peter can be found in the Gospel of St. Matthew. Compared to the other Synoptic Gospels, Matthew's Gospel is unique in (1) the addition of the phrase: "Son of the living God, "which most likely reflect the more developed faith of the post resurrection early Christians in the special relationship between Jesus and the Father, (2) the words spoken to Peter in response to

his divinely inspired confession of faith, (3) the naming of Simon bar-Jonah as Cephas or Peter, the "rock" upon which the Church will be built, and (4) the conferring of the keys to Peter, a confirmation of authority and leadership position, and an echo of the first reading from Isaiah 22:22.

Jesus asked his disciples: "Who do people say the Son of Man is? The crowds recognized Jesus as one of the prophets, who derived their authority from God, but the Jewish leaders considered Jesus merely as an ordinary person, the son of a carpenter. They rejected Jesus' authority and even put him and his disciples to death. Peter's confession of faith, however expresses an enduring faith to a God who is alive that even death (*Sheol*) has no power over it. Jesus confirms the faith of Peter. Jesus recognizes human weaknesses, including that of Peter, who professed his faith and yet denied his Master three times. But God is all forgiving and loving. Jesus gave Peter another chance. Three times Jesus asked Peter: "Do you love me?" and three times Peter responded: "Yes, Lord, I love you." With the words: "Look after my sheep. . . Feed my sheep", Jesus entrusted Peter and his successors, the care of His Church and the key of the Sheep Gate.

The same question that Jesus asked Peter is also directed to each one of us, not based on what others say, but on our own faith experience and long encounter with the Lord. "Who do you say that I am?" simply means, "Do you love me?"

Fr. Jake Ferrer, SVD
Japan

