

Weekend of August 28, 2022 Twenty-second 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

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.

Thursday, September 22 – Barona clubhouse, 6:00 PM -SD Martyr meeting with Cardinal McElroy.

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Humility is needed for those who choose to serve. Recognize your gifts and offer them in humble service.

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Meal Prayer

Lord, so glorious in holiness, let your blessing rest on our table, and let your favor abide with those who cannot be with us. Show to all people, especially those who lack enough to eat your goodness and loving-kindness both now and forever. Amen.

– Fr. Michael Kwatera and Br. Dietrich Reinhart

PASTOR'S DESK

“Treat Others as How God Treats You”

A reflection on the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The 2000 film *Pay It Forward* featured a young Haley Joel Osment trying to make the world a better place. The system he devised, in response to a teacher's assignment, was to recognize the little favors and advantages you have—whether from luck (or coming from God), or from another person. Rather than paying back what you have received, you “pay it forward,” acting with selflessness and generosity toward someone else. His rules were: 1) Your action has to be something that really helps someone; 2) It has to be something they can't do for themselves; and 3) The recipient has to “pay it forward” to three other people. A similar concept was espoused by Benjamin Franklin, and several charitable organizations have this idea as a guiding precept:

It is only human nature to treat others the way we ourselves have been treated. Mistreated children often grow up to become bullies; those who were inspired to “beat the odds” often find a way to inspire others. As Christians, we must realize the depth of God's generosity toward us and to treat others as God has treated us.

“Do unto others...” Elsewhere in the Gospel, Jesus tells his followers not to respond to the treatment they're given. They are, rather, to treat others as they wish others would treat them. Even meeting this standard, as difficult as it is, pales in comparison to the compassion God has shown us.

We are the privileged. Even though we may feel downtrodden and be inclined to envy the success of others (or appropriate their accolades for ourselves), we must remind ourselves of the great gift we have through Christ Jesus, who has given us the power to become sons and daughters of God. Our wealth is immeasurable, and we must act with the dignity it requires.

Humility is an honor. When we are tempted to seek the best place for ourselves, we have the example of Jesus to follow. Throughout his ministry, he praised the least, lost and forgotten as those most worthy of the kingdom of God. If others wish to honor us, that is

fine and good; but if not, we have been honored by God-dignity enough for any mortal.

Give without expecting repayment. In the parable of the great dinner, Jesus urges us to consider how God generously offers his bounty to the righteous and sinners alike. Often, though, only the sinners are not already too busy doing something “better” to accept. Rather than identifying with the “invited,” we can see that we ourselves are the sinners and outcasts. Recognizing that all we are and have been gifts from God, we can be more compassionate to those who need our charity. We need no repayment because we have been paid ahead of time.

As Christians, we have received an immeasurable treasure from Christ. Our lives, our redemption, our hopes of eternal bliss—all these are gifts of our good God. Our challenge is to recognize our own wealth and then “pay it forward” by sharing these gifts with others and helping them to recognize their own value in God's sight.

The Holy Eucharist is the greatest example of God's generosity toward us. This realization of the Great Banquet invites all—especially the unworthy like us—to be guests at God's own table. Let us take this opportunity to reflect on God's generosity and how we might “pay it forward” to all those we meet.

