

## Weekend of October 15, 2023

### *Twenty-eighth 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....**

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, Mark Noriega, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke, Colleen Crowden, Jeff Ashii, Arlette Poutous, Pamela Nolan CSC, Dennis Linton

*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

*Barona – Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.  
with Alyssa Parada.*

*Sacramental Preparation with Mark  
Price are ongoing each Wednesday.*

*Viejas – 3:00 PM*

*Barona – 4:30 PM*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### **OCTOBER**

**Saturday, October 21 and  
Sunday, October 22 – World Mission**

**Sunday collection.** For this year's World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis has chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24:13-35): "Hearts on fire, feet on the move". Envelopes will be in the back of the church.



### **NOVEMBER**

**Wednesday, Nov. 1** – All Saints  
*Day mass, 8:00 AM at Barona*

**Thursday, Nov. 2** – All Souls  
*Mass and Grave Blessing  
11:00 AM – Viejas  
12:00 PM – Los Conejos  
4:00 PM – Sycuan  
6:30 PM – Barona*

**Sunday, Nov. 5** – Children's  
*mass led by Mark Price*

**Thursday, Nov. 23** –

*Thanksgiving Day mass – 8:00 AM at Barona*

“The Lord of hosts will provide a feast of rich food.” Let us look only to the Lord for our salvation and peace, for the things of this world pass away.

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**PASTOR’S CORNER**

**God’s Invitation to Us:  
THE EUCHARISTIC BANQUET**

A reflection on the 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

A young couple had invited many guests to their daughter’s birthday dinner. At the table, the hostess turned to her six-year-old daughter and asked, “Would you like to say the prayer?” “I don’t know what to say,” the girl replied.

“Just say what you hear Mama say,” the mother answered. The little girl bowed her head and said, “Lord, why on earth did I invite all these many people to dinner?”

The gospel of this 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday speaks about an invitation too, but the host in the parable was not regretting that so many came but rather nobody came.

In Jesus’ parable, the king (God) had made elaborate preparations for a wedding banquet and then invited guests, but they all begged off for more “important” matters: One went to his estate, another to his business (read Mt 22:1-14). Jesus refers to

the wedding banquet as God’s kingdom (heaven).

Christ’s parable is a thinly veiled accusation against the Jewish people of the day who had been invited by God to be his Chosen People, but they contemptuously refused. Today the parable serves as a WARNING for us Christians as the new Chosen People who are invited.

To be fair, we have not ignored God’s invitation; otherwise we would not be baptized Christians and would not be fulfilling our Sunday obligations. But we’re still on our way to the great banquet. And the danger for us is that we may allow the affairs of this world, our business, our pleasures to blur or blot out our vision of the real goal in life.

There was a couple who were so engrossed in their business of manufacturing big volumes of clothes for export that their family suffered. Their high school daughter got pregnant by a guy they hardly knew and their son had started taking drugs. Their business was all that mattered so that even on Sundays, they had to work. And because the couple had no more time for one another, eventually their marriage broke up.

To paraphrase our Lord’s words: “What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his family!” People can be so busy making a living that they fail to make life itself.

Our Lord invites us to live a HOLISTIC or balanced life which takes into consideration one’s spiritual well-being. God invites us to His Eucharistic banquet for spiritual nourishment and to have time for prayer.

God is not taking away our time for work, recreation, and worldly pursuits. What He is asking is that we should not forget or neglect our spiritual needs.

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