

Weekend of October 16, 2022 Twenty-ninth 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

Saturday: 5:00 PM mass

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, Zita and Geozita Haygood, Nestor Elman, Lilly Gautreaux
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

(K-High School) – Please see following day and time changes. All classes are a two year program.

Barona, K-8th:

Classes have changed to **Wednesdays:**

3:30 pm – 1st year students/ First Communion

4:30 pm – 2nd year students/ First Communion

Sycuan: 2nd year youth class is at 10:30 am.

New students please contact Judy Oyos to arrange a time for class.

Please contact Judy Oyos (judy.otm@gmail.com) or Fr. Herman Manuel (herman_manuel@hotmail.com) for Adult class information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Thursday, October 20 – Barona clubhouse, 5:00 PM - Dinner, 6:00 PM - SD Martyr meeting

Sunday, October 23 – Family mass at all reservations.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, Nov 1st – 8:00 AM, All Saints Day mass, Barona

Wednesday, Nov 2nd – All Souls Day Schedule

11:00 AM – **Viejas**, Blessing of Graves

12:00 PM – **Conejos** – Mass and Blessing of graves. Candlelighting at dusk.

4:00 PM – **Sycuan**, Mass and Blessing of graves and candlelighting

6:30 PM – **Barona**, Mass and Blessing of graves, reading of names and candlelighting

Sunday, November 6 – Daylight savings time ends at 2:00 AM. We will “fall back” one hour.



Saturday night mass at 5:00 PM at Barona is back again! Please come and join us.

Mission Sunday collection, weekend of October 22 and October 23 – Propagation of the Faith.

Next week, we join Catholics around the world for the celebration of World Mission Sunday. We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin American and Europe. Please be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Missions. Please make checks payable to **Propagation of the Faith**. Envelopes will be in back of the church.

Thank you!

PASTOR'S CORNER

Lord, Thy Will Be Done!

A reflection on the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There was once a lawyer and a doctor who were courting the same woman. One day, the lawyer had to be away on a trip for a week. To make sure that he will not be at a disadvantage while he was gone, he sent her seven apples with a note: "An apple a day keeps the doctor away."

In the Gospel of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Lk. 18, 1-8), Jesus reminds us about the necessity of unceasing prayer. Yes, a prayer each day keeps the adversary away. How regular is your prayer life? How tenacious and how persistent are you in your prayer? The Lord reminds us today to pray, to pray always and to pray without ceasing.

"Act as if everything depended upon you and pray as if everything depended upon God." Has there been an instance in your life when all you could do was just to really pray? Have you ever experienced utter helplessness, and all you could do was to surrender everything in God's hands? We don't have to go through desperate moments to pray that way. May we learn to be more trusting in God and more hopeful in our prayer day by day.

Until when should we pray? There are people who have stopped praying because they claim their prayers are not answered anyway, or because they cannot stand the delay. True prayer is surrendering everything to God's will, including the timetable.

Instead of praying, "Lord, I want it, and I want it now," we should learn to pray, "Lord, I want it, but

according to your will, according to your plan, according to your wisdom, and in your own sweet time. Amen."

Human as we are, we only see what immediately lies before us. Let us not forget that there is a "big picture," and that God, because He is God, sees not only the micro and the macro of everything. It is not easy to surrender everything to God in prayer. Often, because of lack of trust or because of impatience, we do things according to our own will and according to our own time frame; and, more often than not, we find ourselves in more complications and in deeper trouble than when we first started. May we not have too many regrets later in life, may we not say to ourselves: "If only I obeyed, if only I really listened to God ..."

When we look at what is happening in the world and in our country today, where evil seems to thrive and triumph, we can't help but ask and sigh: "Until when, oh Lord?" In our desperation, we may have even asked: "Lord, are you still there?" Why is it that the plundering, and the lying, and the cheating go on and on and there seems to be no end in sight? We take consolation in the words of today's Gospel: "Will not God then secure the rights of His chosen ones who call out to Him day and night? Will He be slow to answer them? I tell you; He will see to it that justice is done for them speedily." So, if we want change to come, let us organize day and night continuous vigils. Let us pray as a people and as a nation unceasingly!

Until when will evil triumph? Until we learn to let go of our comfort zones and safety zones, no change will ever come, and thus we help, knowingly or unknowingly, perpetuate the people who speak, act and live out evil in our midst. There is a time for the safety pin, which is a pin that bends so as not to prick or hurt; but there is also a time for the safety pin to become "straightforward and not allow itself to be used for silencing or shutting up the truth."

"Lord, help me to believe and proclaim, "until then!" instead of doubting and asking "until when?" Amen.

Fr. Gerry Orbos, SVD