

Weekend of October 22, 2023

*Twenty-ninth 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, Pamela Nolan CSC  
*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*



**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*



“You turned from idols to serve the living and true God.” Destroy the false gods in your life which prevent you from serving the one true God.

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## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

### **What Jesus Wants from Us: To Imitate Him A reflection on the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Happy World Mission Sunday! Today, we contribute to our brothers and sisters who are in foreign lands to preach the Good News of Christ. However, we too can help not only in monetary donations but we ourselves also as followers of Christ should imitate his ways or be Christ ourselves to our families, relatives and friends or members of our communities. This is what we heard today from our readings.**

In our gospel on this 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Pharisees were asking Jesus about civic duty. They asked Him: "Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" Jesus answered them: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

Let's get a closer look at the Gospel. "Gotcha!" Jesus must have thought when his "concerned" visitors produced a Roman coin from their pockets. With this they proved that they had already recognized Roman authority and used Roman money for their business transactions. It became obvious that they were only out to trap Jesus. Hypocrites indeed.

Jesus' main concern here is to stress the absolute character of God's rights and that we belong totally to God. The "image and likeness" on the coin indicates that the

money belongs to Caesar. But, we in our wholeness, are created in the "image and likeness" of God, and therefore we belong to God. We do not give "something" to God but we are supposed to give our whole self completely to God.

This passage has been invoked in the discussion about the separation between Church and State. Jesus makes us aware that we cannot divorce our being a disciple from being a citizen and vice versa. We have obligations to both, God and the State. As disciples of the Lord we cannot dispense ourselves, under the pretext that we fulfill strictly our religious duties, from the duties towards the State. St. Paul, wrote in his letter to the Romans: "*Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God. . . . This is why you pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. Pay all their dues, taxes to whom taxes are due, toll to whom toll is due, respect to whom respect is due, and honor to whom honor is due.*" (Rom 13:1, 6-7). This is not what many of us like to hear. Who, after all, like to pay taxes?

Jesus was such a well-balanced person! And when he invites us to follow him and learn from him, he also wants us to acquire a balanced attitude in our lives. Such a balanced attitude may cause some of our fellowman to ridicule us. But such an attitude may also make others think and become aware of the right attitude God wants us to have in this world. More than words and arguments, a balanced lifestyle and attitude "preach" the Good News more effectively to those with whom we live and work. Our missionary contribution may not only be giving donations for the missions or in giving moralizing sermons to those

around us. That might turn them off. No, the calm way of Jesus lived, a clear stand toward moral and ethical questions may have profound effects, and bring others to a life patterned after that of Jesus.