

Weekend of November 20, 2022

Christ the King

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, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Louck, 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, Dennis Colton, Manny Ilagan, George Arviso, Ernie and Emy Lampa, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Nicanor and Evacueto Elman, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Juan Miguel, Bert Zita, AJ & Angela Samot

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

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

NOVEMBER



Thursday, November 24 –8:00 AM - Barona,
Thanksgiving Day mass

Sunday, Dec. 4 – Tuesday, Dec. 6 – 6:30 PM,
Advent Retreat, “The Power of Incarnation” by Fr.
Soney Sebastian, SVD

Tuesday, Dec. 6 – Reconciliation service

Saturday, Dec. 10 – Anticipated mass, 5 p.m. at
Barona

Sunday, Dec. 11 – Sycuan Feast Day, All
reservations invited, followed by reception. Mass
at 12 p.m. – Sycuan

To Christ the King

With sincere praises
Let us celebrate with uprightness
The sovereign Christ.
He is the sacred price
For the teaching that gives life:
Let us all sing together of him.
Let us be the true retinue
Of the almighty Son.
Choirs of peace,
Scions of Christ,
People of wisdom,
Let us all celebrate together
the God of peace.

–Clement of Alexandria (Second Century)



2023 Calendars “Feasts and Saints” are now available. They will be in the back of the church.

PASTOR’S CORNER

Christ the King His Kingdom Rules in Our Hearts

A reflection on Christ the King

When Jesus was crucified, a wooden sign was nailed over his head with the inscription INRI, which in Latin means “*Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum*.” In English, “Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews.”

Coming from different regions in the Philippines, when my classmates and I see each other here in the U.S., it has always been a joke coming from me that Jesus came from my hometown, Ilocos Norte. Hence, the sign on top of a crucifix or a cross means, Ilocos Norte Region 1 (INRI). So, I tell them, that Jesus was an Ilocano.

Setting that aside, is Christ really a king? When Jesus stood before Pilate, He was asked, “Are You the king of the Jews?” Christ did not deny that He was indeed a king. But then He said, “My kingdom does not belong to this world” (Jn 18:36). Jesus’ reply means He was not the kind of king Pilate imagined: A military or political ruler whose followers would fight to liberate him.

A true story is told that when Joseph Stalin, supreme head of the Central Communist Party of Russia, heard about the pope’s estate and Swiss guards, he asked sarcastically: “How many divisions (of soldiers) does the pope have?” Learning of Stalin’s sarcastic remark, the pope is quoted to have said, “Tell my son Joseph that he’ll find out in the next life.”

Christ’s kingdom implies not just a place but God’s active rule or reign that permeates man’s hearts from which his motives, values and attitudes originate. That’s why Christ declared: “The kingdom of God is within you.” Meaning, if people’s hearts and attitudes are just, honest, caring, then God’s kingdom is there. The question is, “Is Christ the King in our country, in our homes and communities?” Meaning, are society and families permeated by the kingdom values of justice, love and peace?

God’s kingdom is not perfect as is evident from so much hatred, injustice, greed, killings and abuses. Rather than get discouraged, we are called to be cooperators with God in bringing about the kingdom already here on earth. God’s kingdom may be compared to a plant. Jesus put the plant – the kingdom – in the soil. But He left to us the job of cultivating it, fertilizing it, and watering it.

There is an elderly woman living in a neighborhood where there are many youngsters. Every morning she would be seen picking up broken bottles and shards of glass on the streets and sidewalks. Her neighbors thought she was deranged. One time someone asked why she was doing the “daily routine.” “If I can prevent some children from stepping on those sharp objects through my little act,” she replied, “then I have done something to make the world a safer place to live in.”

Sometimes we are overwhelmed by the enormous problems of the world today. We throw up our arms and say, “What can I do? I’m so small and insignificant.” The story of that elderly woman shows that a good act, no matter how insignificant, helps build God’s kingdom characterized by justice, love and peace.

Are we doing our share in building God’s kingdom in our family, community and neighborhood?

