

Weekend of December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Sunday, Dec. 18 – **Children's Mass**, all reservations.

Saturday, Dec. 24 – **Christmas Eve Masses**
5:00 PM – Sycuan
7:00 PM – Barona
10:00 PM – Viejas

Sunday, Dec. 25 – **Christmas Day Mass**, 8:00 AM at Barona – one mass only.
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Advent Prayer

Father,
We await the dawning of your Light,
Jesus Christ.
May his coming dispel the darkness of hatred
and violence,
of fear and despair.
Illuminate our home with the light of his
peace and mercy,
that our house may be a place of welcome
to all who knock on our door and come to our
table.
We ask this in the name of Jesus your Light to
the world.
Amen.

-Deacon Jay Cormier

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.**

ADULT CLASS –

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



RFR Collection – Dec. 10 & 11, 2022

Lighten the load. An abbot writes, “Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church.” Donations to next week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection help hundred of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously. Envelopes will be in back of the church.

PASTOR’S CORNER

The Need to Be Renewed

A reflection on the Second Sunday of Advent

To understand the meaning of conversion that John the Baptist demanded from those who came to see him in the desert, we must see it in the light of the religious life and practices prevalent at that time. John had strong words against the religious leaders during his time. The sin that the Pharisees and the Sadducees (religious leaders) had fallen into was not giving God his rightful place. They gave more importance to outward display of religion rather than to what God wanted, especially the love of the neighbor. In fact, Jesus emphasized that doing the will of God consists also in loving our neighbor.

Our present age clearly needs this message of John. Present-day culture does not only try to avoid God but, it purposely eliminates God as superfluous and useless to our life. We are sufficient unto ourselves. We do not need God. When God is pushed away from our life, the one that usually takes over his place is human pride, greed, self-seeking pursuits. And vanity that bring nothing but suffering to all of us. The sad calamities that our people have experienced of late can ultimately be traced to human greed that brought

nothing but grief, pain, suffering to countless people. Are we aware that more than 50% of crimes in our cities now are drug related: drugs that are sold by a greedy few destroy not only persons but thousands and thousands of families? Push God away from our life and we know what comes as a consequence.

Many of us might not be far different from the Pharisees and the Sadducees. We are Christians more by a certain inherited habits and a few religious instructions than by deep conviction and deliberate choice of God. Perhaps we reduce our Christianity to its traditions and outward practices without feeling obliged to put into practice God’s commandments especially the command to love our neighbor.

What shall we do then to be able to put into practice the Word of God today? The words of John the Baptist are loud and clear: “Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand!” “Repent” comes from the Greek root for metanoia, a change of mind and heart. Repentance may require from us that we put an ax to resentments and biases that are rooted in our hearts. We may have to winnow our greed and over-indulgence; we may have to burn the chaff of our impatience.

Repentance is really making a personal choice to allow Jesus to have a central role in our life; Jesus whom God our Father offered as a gift to us personally and to the whole world, as well. We can concretize this choice by putting into practice his commands, especially his command to love our neighbors. Let us not consider only the poor and the needy as our neighbors, yes, they are, but let us not forget that the people whom we brush shoulders with every day are also our neighbors, neighbors to be loved. One thing is sure. Our world that is so wounded can only healed by Jesus. And he calls on us, his disciples, to allow him to live in us. Baptism has given us his life but we all need to consciously live out the consequences of our baptism and not remain satisfied and feel secure by the fact that we are baptized.

Send us thy Holy Spirit Lord to be renewed!