

## ***Weekend of February 1***

Fourth 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....**

Michele Nikas Beaman, John Nikas, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Margie Cruz, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, George Arviso, Rose Ramos, Lilly Gautreaux, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Paolo Espiritu, Tyre Nichols, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Carol Richardson, Jeff Ashii, Rosario and Paul Estepa, Haley Price, Mark Marquez, Lulu Cabinatan, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Rudy Duerro, Don Speer, Eileen Hansotte, DJ LaChappa, Michael McKnight, Lulu Cabinatan, Donald Lee, Gabriel Marquez, Sr., Joseph Kardian, Bear Cuero, Frances Banegas, Diane Robetkey, Ed Sloan, Flora Keldani and Gene Cortez, Paul Castello, Robert Kuhl, Joyce Rottenberg, Johnny Valencic, Kelly Bonde, Lucinda Thompson, Eva Walters, Spud Brown, Edna Gomez, Vera Tucker, Jack Ramirez, Rudy Duero, John Holsbo, Pat Wooley, Marvi Artugue, Yanni Aquino, Cynthia Dominguez, Dr. Gerry Directo and

Baby Selene Vasquez

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

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*Reporting Allegations of Sexual Misconduct*  
*The Diocese of San Diego treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with them in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. Reported or suspected criminal abuse is reported to law enforcement in accord with civil laws.*

*To report sexual misconduct including abuse contact: Mary Acosta, Victim Assistance Coordinator 850-490-8353*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*misconduct@sdccatholic.org*

*Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM, Barona.*

*Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel*

## **JANUARY / FEBRUARY** **2026**

### **Sat., Jan 31 & Sun., Feb 1 –** **Society of the Divine Word**

**(SVD) Collection** – This international organization consists of nearly 6,000 priests and Brothers who are trained with a diverse set of skills and dedicated to ensuring that our mission programs make a positive impact on the people they serve.

Your generosity to this collection will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance!

Please make checks to: **St. Kateri**

**Tekakwitha Parish.**

**Sat., Feb 14 & Sun., Feb 15 –** ACA  
kickoff collection – Our Annual Catholic Appeal supports our catechetical formation, clergy support, Catholic Schools Office and Catholic Charities. Checks should be made to: **Diocese of San Diego.** Brochures will be in pews and in the back of the church.

### **Sat., Feb 14 & Sun., Feb 15 –** **Blessing of Married Couples**

### **Monday, February 16 –** **Presidents' Day**

### **Wednesday, February 18 –**

*Ash*  
*Wednesday*

Barona 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM  
Sycuan 5:00 PM  
Viejas 7:00 PM

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family,

In today's Gospel, Jesus sits down on the mountainside and begins to teach. He does not shout. He does not command with power. Instead, He speaks words that surprise us:

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit... blessed are the meek... blessed are the peacemakers."*

This is not how the world usually defines blessing.

In many Native traditions, elders teach that true strength is not loud, and true wisdom is not rushed. A person becomes wise not by standing above others, but by walking humbly with the people, listening to the land, and respecting the Creator's ways. Jesus speaks in that same spirit today.

To be "poor in spirit" does not mean to be weak. It means to know our need for God. It means to stand before the Creator with open hands and an open heart, trusting that everything we have is a gift. The meek, the merciful, the pure of heart—these are people who choose kindness over pride, peace over violence, love over power.

The Beatitudes remind us that God's kingdom grows quietly—through compassion, forgiveness, patience, and

care for one another. In our families, our communities, and our reservations, we see these blessings lived out every day: in grandparents who pray faithfully, in parents who sacrifice for their children, in elders who carry stories and wisdom, and in young people who seek what is right.

This Sunday, Jesus invites us to ask:

*Where do I need to be more humble before God?*

*How can I bring peace where there is hurt or division?*

*How can my life reflect the gentle strength of Christ?*

May we walk the path Jesus shows us—slowly, faithfully, and together—trusting that those who walk with humble hearts are truly blessed.

With prayers and gratitude,

Fr. Herman Manuel, SVD

#### PRAYER:

*Creator God,  
You call blessed those who walk humbly,  
those who choose peace over anger,  
mercy over judgment,  
and love over power.*

*Teach us to be poor in spirit—  
to recognize our need for You  
and to trust you with open hearts and open hands.*

*Help us to walk gently upon this earth,  
to listen with compassion,  
and to bring healing where there is hurt.*

*Bless our families, our elders, our children,  
and all who seek to live your way of love.  
May our words, our actions, and our lives  
reflect the gentle strength of your Son,  
Jesus.*

*Guide our steps as we walk together in  
faith,  
and lead us always on the path of peace.  
Amen.*