

Weekend of February 15
Sixth 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, Paul Darby, Edna Grijalva, Clifford LaChappa

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

News From Religious Education

- 3/1: Rite of Election and Enrollment of Name for Rowen Hill
- 3/8: 1st Scrutiny for Rowen H & Lenten Retreat
- 3/15: 2nd Scrutiny for Rowen H
- 3/22: 3rd Scrutiny for Rowen H
- 3/29 Begins Holy Week

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

FEBRUARY 2026

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.

Monday, February 16 – Presidents’ Day

Wednesday, February 18 –



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

Sunday, February 22 – Children’s Mass, There will be no Children’s Mass in March.

Prayer on Ash Wednesday

Merciful God,
You called us forth from the dust of the earth;
You claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism. Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace;
Our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts. All that we do and pray is in the

name of Jesus, for in his Cross you proclaim
your love forever and ever. Amen.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Choose Life with the Heart Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family,

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks words that go deeper than rules and commandments. He reminds us that faith is not only about what we do on the outside, but who we are becoming on the inside.

"You have heard it said... but I say to you."

With these words, Jesus invites us to look honestly at our hearts—our intentions, our words, our anger, our forgiveness, our love. He teaches us that following God is not just about avoiding wrong, but about choosing what leads to life, healing, and right relationships.

In many Native traditions, elders teach that a good life begins with a good heart. If the heart is divided, the community feels it. If the heart is strong and true, peace follows. Jesus teaches us in that same wisdom today. God's law is not meant to weigh us down, but to guide us toward wholeness.

This weekend also brings us to the doorstep of Lent, as we prepare to celebrate Ash Wednesday immediately after. On that day, we will receive ashes and hear the words: "*Repent, and believe*

in the Gospel," or "*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*"

Ashes are humble. They remind us that life is fragile, time is precious, and our hearts always need renewing. Lent is not about punishment or guilt—it is a season of return. A return to God. A return to what truly matters. A return to the path that leads to life.

As we begin this sacred season together, I invite you to walk Lent simply and faithfully: through prayer, through small acts of kindness, through letting go of what hardens the heart, and through choosing again the way of Christ.

May these coming weeks be a time of healing, clarity, and grace for each of us and for our whole parish family.

Yours in the Divine Word,

Fr. Herman Manuel, SVD

PRAYER:

Creator God,

*as we stand at the threshold of Lent,
soften our hearts and steady our steps.*

Help us choose what gives life,

let go of what weighs us down,

and walk humbly with You each day.

*May this holy season draw us closer to You
and closer to one another.*

Amen.

