

***Weekend of May 10  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day***

**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, 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, , Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Rudy Duero, 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, Yanni Aquino, Cynthia Dominguez, Dr. Gerry Directo, Baby Selene Vasquez, Paul Darby, Clifford LaChappa, Minnie Kaye, Marcie Cu  
 Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

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***News From Religious Education***

*There will be no OCIA/Religious Ed classes May 18 – 31.*

*Due to the two year requirement for OCIA program (Ages 14- Adult) by the Diocese, classes will resume the first week of June. Any questions, please contact Mark or Judy.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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



***Saturday, May 16 – 5 PM at Barona – First Communion for students***

***Saturday, May 23 – Pentecost Mass for All Peoples – Cathedral Catholic High School, Call to Worship 10 AM, Mass 11 AM, Festival of Cultures 12 PM***

***Sunday, May 24 – 10:00 AM, Barona May Crowning, one mass for all reservations.***

***Sunday, May 30-31 – MCP Collection***  
*There will be a special guest priest during this time at all masses.*

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

**A Heart That Becomes God's Home  
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

There is a quiet but powerful image in today's Gospel: "We will come to him and make our dwelling with him." God is not distant. He is not waiting somewhere far away for us to find him. Instead, he desires to come close, so close that he makes his home within us.

In many Native traditions, *home* is sacred. It is where life is shared, where stories are told, where belonging is felt. It is where love is lived. To invite someone into your home is to trust them, to welcome them and to make space for them. Today, Jesus tells us something even more beautiful: God wants to make His home in us.

Jesus speaks these words when his disciples are anxious. Honestly, that sounds like our world today. We see

conflict, division, uncertainty, and fear. Many are searching for peace but often in places that cannot truly satisfy. And into this reality, Jesus says: **“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.”** The peace of Jesus is not temporary. It is not dependent on circumstances. It comes from God living within us.

Jesus says, **“Whoever loves me will keep my word... and we will come to him.”** Love is the door. Every time we choose forgiveness over anger, truth over confusion, kindness over indifference, faith over fear, we open our hearts to God. And when God enters, peace begins to grow.

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit the Advocate. Hence, we are not alone. The Spirit teaches us, reminds us, strengthens us and guides us. In a noisy world, the Spirit speaks gently but clearly to hearts that are willing to listen.

As we celebrate Mother’s Day, we are given a beautiful example of what it means to be **a *home of love***. **A mother’s heart is often the first “home” we ever know.** It is where we are welcomed, nurtured, protected, and loved. Mothers make space for others, sacrifice quietly, love faithfully even in difficult moments and bring peace into the lives of their children. In many ways, this reflects what Jesus is speaking about today. Just as a mother makes a home for her child, God desires to make a home in us. And just as mothers carry love into the world, **we are called to carry God’s presence into the lives of others.**

Today, we give thanks for our mothers, living and deceased. for grandmothers and elders, for those who have been like mothers to us and for all women who nurture, guide, and love with a generous heart. Their love is a reflection of God’s own love.

For our communities of Barona, Viejas and Sycuan, this message speaks deeply. We understand the meaning of belonging, of family, of sacred relationships. We are called not only to gather as a community, but to become a dwelling place of God’s peace.

Imagine homes filled with patience and understanding, families rooted in prayer and love, communities where people feel seen, welcomed, and valued. This is how God’s presence transforms the world: one heart, one home, one family at a time.

A Final Thought: Sometimes we look for God in big, dramatic ways. But today, Jesus reminds us: God is already near. He is waiting to dwell within us. When he does, his peace changes everything.

**“When God finds a home in your heart, you become peace in a restless world.”**

## Happy Mother’s Day

In the Divine Word,  
Fr. Herman Manuel, SVD

### PRAYER

Loving Creator,  
You who dwell in every heart that welcomes you,  
we thank you for your presence among us.

On this Mother’s Day,  
we lift up all mothers—  
those who are with us and those who have gone before us.  
Bless them for their love, their sacrifices, and their strength.  
May they feel honored, cherished, and surrounded by Your  
grace.

Make our hearts a home for you, a place of peace,  
a place of compassion, a place of faithful love.

Calm our fears in a troubled world.  
Guide us through your Holy Spirit.  
Teach us to care for one another  
as a mother cares for her children.

Bless our communities of Barona, Viejas, and Sycuan.  
May our homes reflect your presence,  
our families your love,  
and our lives your peace.

And like the steady rhythm of the earth beneath our feet,

may your Spirit remain within us—  
strong, gentle, and life-giving.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.