

Weekend of June 22 Corpus Christi

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, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, George Arviso, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Paolo Espiritu, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke, Jeff Ashii, Rosario and Paul Estepa, Haley Price, Mark Marquez, Lulu Cabinatan, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Connie Devera, Don Speer, Meta Roubedeaux, Eileen Hansotte, DJ LaChappa, Marcella Villanova, Michael McKnight, Lulu Cabinatan, Donald Lee, Gabriel Marquez, Sr., Joseph Kardian, Bear Cuero, Autumn Cheyenne Russo, Frances Banegas, Diane Robetkey, Ed Sloan, Cindy McAllister, Flora Keldani and Gene Cortez, Antonio Sunga, Paul Castello, Robert Kuhl, Joyce Rottenberg, Johnny Valencic, Kelly Bonde, Lucinda Thompson, Raelene Lynch, Eva Walters, Spud Brown

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

New classes will resume in September, please contact church office if interested in enrolling or email bktparish@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Sat 6/28 & Sun 6/29 – Peter Pence Collection. *This collection supports the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Francis. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disaster. Envelopes will be provided.*



Friday, July 4 – Independence Day

Sat 7/5 & Sun 7/6 – 2025
Archdiocese for the Military Services
Collection

Saturday, July 12 – 12:00 PM,
Los Conejos Mass & Grave Blessing

Monday, July 14 – 5:00 PM mass at
Viejas, Feast Day of St. Kateri
Tekakwitha, dinner will be served.

July 16 – July 20 – 86th
Annual Tekakwitha Conference, Las
Cruces, NM

PASTOR'S CORNER

Bread of Heaven, Bond of Earth

A reflection on the Most Precious Body
and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

This Sunday, the Church invites us into the great mystery of the Eucharist, the very heart of our faith. The Solemnity of Corpus Christi calls us to remember that the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ are not mere symbols but a living reality—a sacred nourishment that sustains us not only in spirit, but as a people walking together on a journey of faith.

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes the small offerings of bread and fish, blesses them, and feeds a multitude. This miracle prefigures the Eucharist—where the simple elements of bread and wine become His Body and Blood, and through it, the Church is fed, united, and sent into the world.

Among many Native American cultures, including those of the Kumeyaay, Lakota, and Navajo, food is never taken for granted. It is often blessed before consumption, and the sharing of a meal becomes a communal act—something sacred, spiritual, and deeply tied to gratitude for the Creator's gifts.

Similarly, the Eucharist is our sacred meal—not just a personal devotion, but a communal act of thanksgiving and unity. The word "Eucharist" itself means *thanksgiving*. In Native traditions, the earth is not merely a resource—it is kin, a gift from the Creator to be honored and respected. When we approach the Eucharistic table, we are also invited to reclaim that reverence—for the Body of Christ, for one another, and for all creation.

The First Reading tells us of Melchizedek, priest and king, who offers bread and wine and blesses Abram. Like

Melchizedek, we are called to bless and offer—to take what we have received from God and return it with gratitude. In Native cultures, this exchange is deeply understood: everything is gift, and every gift carries responsibility—to care for others, to care for creation, and to care for the spirit within us.

In the Eucharist, we are reminded that God is not far from us. He is as close as the bread we break, as near as the cup we share. He meets us where we are—in the desert, in the village, in the sacred circle of community. Let us receive the Body of Christ with reverence, humility, and gratitude, and let it shape the way we live: in communion with God, one another, and the land entrusted to our care.

In the sacred act of Eucharist, heaven touches earth—and we are reminded that every place can be holy, every meal a moment of grace, every person a reflection of the Divine. May we walk in the footsteps of Christ, just as our Native ancestors walked in deep communion with the Great Spirit—reverent, grateful, and always aware that we are part of something larger, something sacred.

Prayer:

Creator of All,
You feed us with the living Bread come down
from Heaven.
Help us, like our Native brothers and sisters,
to walk in harmony with the earth,
to respect the sacredness of every life,
and to honor You in the way we care for
one another.
May the Body and Blood of Your Son make us
one people,
united in love and mission.
Amen.

**“Given
for
you.”**

