

# Weekend of August 14, 2022 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Wednesday, August 24 – Meeting for the recognition of San Diego Martyrs** meeting at Barona clubhouse. 5:00 PM – Dinner, 6:00 PM – meeting.

Please call 619-443-3412 or email [bktparish@aol.com](mailto:bktparish@aol.com) to RSVP.

**Sunday, September 4** – Deacon Phong Nguyen will be at our masses and assisting at Mass and sharing about his mission in Vietnam.

**Sunday, September 11** – 10 AM Viejas – Feast Day of Viejas, followed by potluck. One mass for all reservations.

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  
**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, Dolly Albano, Mike Montes, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Rosario Ravasco, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Abraham Pascual, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Louck, David Ramos, Felix Chiu, Edna De La Cruz Yusi, Marlon Amaranto, 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, Xien Cabanero, Dennis Colton, Manny Ilagan, George Arviso, Ernie and Emy Lampa and Ludy Sierra, Cita Welch

*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*



Jesus wants to set our faith on fire, so we can share His love with zeal.

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### Online Discussion Series by Divine Word Missionaries

Designed for single, Catholic men (18-35)

THURSDAY, 8/25/22 – Focus: Caribbean, 8 p.m. central time

Currently, 17 Divine Word Missionaries work on 10 different islands located in the Caribbean Sea. Join us as we talk with some SVD missionaries who serve these islands to learn more about their ministry. Host: Mr. Len Uhal, SVD

Go to [www.svdvocations](http://www.svdvocations) to register

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (K-High School)

**Barona, K-8th:** New classes will resume in September. Please contact church office if you would like to register. All classes are a two year program.

**Barona, High School:** Thursday, 3:00 p.m. (classroom under the club house) – classes will resume in September.

Please contact Judy Oyos ([judy.otm@gmail.com](mailto:judy.otm@gmail.com)) for Adult classes or for more information regarding classes.

# PASTOR'S DESK

## BAPTISM WITH FIRE

A reflection on the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Happy Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Happy 88<sup>th</sup>-Year Anniversary of the Barona Mission**

The message of this 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time is very important to all of us most especially to our families. It is normal for members of a family or any organizations to disagree or have heated discussions. However, as people who have become sons and daughters of God through the sacrament of Baptism, we are bound to forgive and reconcile with one another.

A story is told of a young man who went to college and studied natural science. During his research, he was so perplexed by the complexities of the universe that he eventually became an agnostic. Upon returning home, his mother noticed his change of attitude and exclaimed in tears. "Did we not raise you as a good Christian? Now I have a son who is an agnostic." A few years later, the young man continued searching for truth, stumbled into a Christian sect and became a pastor. Hoping that his mother will approve this time, he told her about his conversion. But she exclaimed in tears, "Did we not raise you as a good Christian? Now I have a son who is a religious fanatic."

Religious faith entails an inner decision with external consequences which affect our usual dealings with others. Suddenly we do things differently and this alteration baffles often our family and close friends who think they know us and how we tick. Some might wish us well and support us. But others could also reject us, not because of our personality but because of the content of faith which we newly adhere. That is why being a Christian ultimately means belonging to a community of shared faith where one feels accepted and respected for his religious view.

Although it is easy to join any Christian church nowadays, it is quite difficult to remain loyal in the chosen community and faithfully serve its not-so-perfect members. One could still be rejected within the group and feel discouraged of its collective behavior. A Christian friend told me once, that he had joined a charismatic group because of its inspiring spirituality. But he left it sadly upon experiencing some member's penchant backbiting and bragging. Divisions within a community is a painful reality typical to every complex social organization.

Jesus warns us of this church deficiency and challenges us by accepting and transcending it. The real witness of Christian faith, which professes the love of neighbor and unity, and diversity is rightfully tested within a household of believers, some of whom might be unexpectedly one's worst enemies. Such adversaries are not necessarily those who hate us personally but those whose different convictions conflict with our own. Loving them may mean accepting humbly irreconcilable differences and finding ways of peaceful coexistence.

Life is not solely existing but coexisting with others who don't fit to our wishes and ideals. Following Jesus commandment of love means being baptized with fire—a fire which purifies our selfish hearts and strengthens our will to be at peace with others despite unavoidable strife and divisions.

We thank God for giving us the Blessed Virgin Mary. By constantly praying the rosary and asking for her help in family conflicts, she will never turn us down. She and St. Joseph is the patron saint for families. Same is true for those of us who are members of a community or an organization. The Blessed Mother brings all of us, God's children into her powerful and loving maternal protection.

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