

Weekend of August 16 ***Twentieth 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, 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 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, Yanni Aquino, Cynthia Dominguez, Dr. Gerry Directo, Baby Selene Vasquez, Paul Darby, Clifford LaChappa, Marcie Cu, Anthony Pico, Nancy Rourke, Erin Clarke
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

News From Religious Education

*Fall classes will start the **week of September 7th**, please reach out to Judy Robinson or the church office (619-443-3412) for registration papers.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

AUGUST

*We would love to have your children for
First Communion or teenagers for
Confirmation classes. Sign up begins this
month.*

PASTOR'S CORNER

House of Prayer
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
92nd Anniversary of Barona
Mission Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend is especially meaningful for our parish family. As we celebrate the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we also rejoice in the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and give thanks for the 92nd Year Anniversary of the feast day of our Barona Mission Church.

For ninety-two years, this little mission church has stood on Barona land as a sacred place of prayer, faith, memory, and community. Generations have entered its doors carrying their joys and sorrows. Here children have been baptized, young people have received their First Communion and Confirmation, couples have exchanged their marriage vows, families have gathered for funerals and memorials, and countless prayers have been offered for those we love.

The building may be small, but the faith it represents is great.

This Sunday's readings remind us that God's house is a home for all peoples. In the Gospel, the Canaanite woman approaches Jesus with extraordinary faith, pleading for her daughter. Though she is considered an outsider, she refuses to give up. Finally, Jesus tells her: "O woman, great is your faith!" Her perseverance reminds us that the mercy of God knows no boundaries.

Mary lived that same deep and persevering faith. From her "yes" at Nazareth to her presence beneath the Cross, she trusted God even when she could not see where the journey would lead. At the end of her earthly life, God received her, body and soul, into heavenly glory. The Assumption reminds us that heaven is our true home and that death does not have the final word.

What a beautiful message for the 92nd anniversary of Barona Mission Church.

Our elders and ancestors who prayed here before us have handed the faith to another generation. Many are no longer physically among us, but their prayers, sacrifices, stories, and love remain part of this sacred place. As Native people understand so deeply, we do not walk alone. We walk upon land carrying the memories of those who came before us, while preparing the path for those who will come after us.

Therefore, today is not simply an anniversary of a building. It is an anniversary of faith.

We thank God for the generations who kept this mission alive. We honor our elders and remember those who have gone before us. We thank the Barona community for continuing to cherish this sacred place. And above all, we ask ourselves: *What kind of Church will we hand on to the next generation?*

May Barona Mission Church continue to be what Isaiah describes today: "a house of prayer for all peoples"—a place where everyone is welcomed, where our children learn to pray, where our elders are honored, where Native traditions and Catholic faith

encounter one another with respect, and where Christ continues to gather us as one family.

As we celebrate ninety-two years, may Mary, assumed into heaven, continue to walk with the people of Barona and lead every generation closer to her Son.

Happy 92nd Anniversary to our beloved Barona
Mission Church!

Yours in the Divine Word,

Fr. Herman Manuel

A Prayer for Our Anniversary

*Creator God,
we thank You for ninety-two years
of faith and prayer at Barona Mission Church.
We remember with gratitude our elders and ancestors
who prayed here and handed the faith on to us.*

*Through the intercession of Mary,
assumed body and soul into heaven,
bless the people of Barona,
protect our families and children,
strengthen our elders,
and keep this Mission Church
a sacred home of prayer, welcome, and hope.*

*May the faith we have received
become the gift we faithfully hand
to generations yet to come.*

*Blessed Mother Mary, pray for us.
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.
And may God bless Barona Mission Church for many
generations to come. Amen.*

