

Weekend of August 24
Twenty-first 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, 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,
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, Rudy Duerro, Don
Speer, Meta Roubedeaux, Eileen Hansotte, DJ LaChappa,
Michael McKnight, Lulu Cabinatan, Donald Lee, Gabriel
Marquez, Sr., Joseph Kardian, Bear Cuero, 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, Eva Walters, Spud Brown,
Joseph Villaverde, Edna Gomez, Verta Tuck, Jack Ramirez,
Rudy Duero,
Craig VanWanseele

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

***Classes will resume Wednesday,
September 3rd!***

***OPEN HOUSE – Wednesday, August
27 at 5:00 PM at Barona Classroom!***

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



**Wednesday, August 27 – Religious
Education Open House Registration**

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM at Barona Classroom –
*Please come and meet Father Herman and the
staff who will be teaching the classes. Please
come and sign up for the children and adult
classes! Light refreshments will be provided.*



Monday, September 1 – Labor Day

**Wednesday, September 3 – Religious
Education classes begin.**

Sat. Sept 6 & Sunday Sept 7 – Rev. Fr. Paul
Rajkumar will be our priest for masses, he is
our guest priest for Mission Appeals.

Sunday, September 14 – Children's Mass at all
reservations

Sunday, September 16 – 6:30 PM at Rincon
Hall, ***Last planning meeting for Indigenous
Day mass*** The mass will be held on Friday,
9/26/25 at 10:00 AM, Rincon, St. Bartholomew
Mission church.

*Will you help gather people to be a part of
the reign of God? Pray to be open if God
calls you to serve as priest, deacon, brother
or sister.*

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Walking the Narrow Path Together
A reflection on the 21st Sunday
in Ordinary Time
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Today's readings invite us to see our faith as a journey — one that requires strength, discipline, and commitment, but also one that opens the way to the Creator's house, where people of every nation and language are welcomed.

In the first reading from Isaiah, we hear of God's vision: people are gathered from all corners of the earth to worship him. For Native peoples, this speaks to the deep truth we already know — that Creator placed His Spirit in every nation and that all the tribes and peoples of the earth are part of his sacred family. This passage is like a vision of a great powwow where every nation comes together in unity, honoring the Creator with the gifts they have been given.

In the Gospel, Jesus challenges us: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." The narrow path is not easy, just like the trails our ancestors walked when traveling long distances, facing obstacles, hunger, or storms. The way of discipleship is not the wide, comfortable road, but the smaller trail that requires courage, humility, forgiveness, and sacrifice. It is the way of love — not only for our Creator, but for one another and for the earth that sustains us.

The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that discipline is part of God's love. Just as our elders and parents corrected us so that we might grow strong and wise, so too the

Creator allows us to face trials so we may walk the good road. Discipline is not punishment, but guidance — the way a skilled teacher helps a young one learn to dance, hunt, or sing the songs of our people.

For us today, this means asking: Are we just standing nearby, claiming to know the Lord, or are we truly walking with Him each day? To walk through the narrow gate is to live faithfully, to forgive when wronged, to stand for justice, to protect the sacred gifts of creation, and to care for family and community.

A Prayer

Creator of all nations,
You have called us to walk the good road,
a path of love, humility, and truth.
Help us to choose the narrow way each
day,
not the wide road of selfishness and pride.

Strengthen us with Your Spirit
as our elders once strengthened us on
life's journey.
Teach us to forgive, to protect the gifts of
creation,
and to welcome every person as a brother
or sister.

When the road is hard and our hearts
grow weary,
remind us that You walk beside us.
And when our journey is complete,
may we find our place in Your eternal
lodge,
where all nations gather in peace and joy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

