

Weekend of September 13
Twenty-fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Barona:

Mass: Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM.

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, Gimo Manuel, Judy Oyos, Kelly Speer, Hank Murphy

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

News From Religious Education

Barona: K-8th grade, 4:00 PM Wednesdays at Classrooms below Clubhouse

Start date: Sept. 9th

Teacher: Alyssa Parada

Barona: OCIA First Year students, 4:00 PM Mondays at Church Office

Teacher: Judy Oyos

OCIA Second Year students, 5:00 PM FaceTime Thursdays

Teacher: Judy Oyos

Viejas: Sundays, 10:00 AM

Teacher: Mark Price

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Sunday, September 13 – Children's Mass at all reservations

Monday, September 21 -25 – Diocese Convocation for Priests, Temecula, CA

Sunday, September 27 – Dress Rehearsal, for **Confirmation Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming**

Barona: 9:15 AM

Viejas: 11:30 AM

PASTOR'S CORNER

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?"
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There are some wounds we carry for years. A harsh word spoken by someone we loved. A betrayal we never expected. A family disagreement that separated people who once sat at the same table. An injustice that was never acknowledged. Sometimes the person who hurt us has never even said, "I'm sorry."

And then Jesus tells us: Forgive. Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive someone who sins against him. Seven times? Peter probably thought seven was already generous. But Jesus answers, "Not

seven times but seventy-seven times.” In other words: Stop counting. Forgiveness is not keeping a record of how many chances someone has left. Christian forgiveness comes from remembering how many chances God has given us. This is the heart of Jesus’ parable. A servant is forgiven an enormous debt, but then refuses to forgive the much smaller debt of another. He received mercy, but he would not pass that mercy on.

And perhaps that is the question Jesus places before us this Sunday: What are we doing with the mercy God has given us? Every one of us stands before God because of mercy. We have made mistakes. We have hurt people. We have failed to love as we should. Yet God continues to welcome us, forgive us, and invite us home.

If God has been so merciful toward us, how can we refuse mercy to one another? This message is especially important in our families and communities. Our Native communities understand deeply the importance of relationships—with family, elders, ancestors, community, Creator, and the land entrusted to us. When one relationship is wounded, the pain can spread far beyond two individuals. It can sometimes be carried from one generation to another.

But healing can also be passed from generation to generation. Someone has to be courageous enough to say: “The hurt stops with me.” Forgiveness does not mean pretending that nothing happened. It does not mean accepting abuse or allowing injustice to continue. Sometimes forgiveness must include truth, accountability, boundaries, and time for healing. But forgiveness means that I will no longer

allow another person’s wrongdoing to imprison my heart.

Look at our world today. There is so much anger. People attack one another because of politics, race, religion, culture, and differences of opinion. Social media can turn disagreement into hatred almost instantly. Families stop speaking. Communities become divided.

Jesus offers another way. Mercy. Reconciliation. Forgiveness. Perhaps this week there is one person whose name God is quietly placing in your heart. You may not be ready to speak to that person yet. But perhaps you can begin by praying:

*“Creator God, I cannot do this by myself.
Heal what is wounded in me.
Give me the grace to forgive as You have
forgiven me.”*

Forgiveness may not change the past. But forgiveness can change the future. It can free a heart. It can heal a family. It can restore a community. And sometimes, by the grace of God, it can end a wound that has been carried for generations.

May we remember the words of our Psalm this Sunday: The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. May those words describe not only the God we worship—but also the people we are becoming.

Yours in the Divine Word,
Fr. Herman Manuel, SVD

PRAYER

Creator God,

*You have forgiven us more times than we
can count.*

*Heal the wounds we carry, soften the anger
within us,*

and give us the courage to forgive.

*Make our families places of reconciliation,
our communities places of healing,
and our hearts places where Your mercy
can live. Amen.*