

Weekend of September 27
Twenty-sixth 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, 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, Kelly Speer, Hank Murphy, Judy Oyos
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
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

Last day to register is September 27th !

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Sunday, October 11 – Children's Mass at all reservations with Mark Price.

Sunday, October 11 – 24 – Father Herman will be on vacation.

Sat., October 17 & Sun., October 18 – Propagation of Faith (World Mission Sunday) Collection

PASTOR'S CORNER

"Let Your Yes Become a Life"
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of a father who asks his two sons to work in his vineyard. The first son refuses, but later changes his mind and goes. The second son politely answers, "Yes, sir," but never goes. Jesus then asks, "Which of the two did his father's will?" The answer is clear: the one who acted.

This parable reminds us that discipleship is more than saying the right words. It is possible to say "yes" to God with our lips while our lives say "no." We may profess our faith on Sunday yet fail to practice kindness, forgiveness, justice, and compassion during the week. We may promise to pray, reconcile with someone, serve our community, return to Mass, or become

more involved in the parish but continually postpone taking the first step.

God does not want empty promises. He desires a faith that becomes visible in the way we live. At the same time, today's Gospel offers us tremendous hope. The first son initially refused, but he was not imprisoned by his first answer. He reconsidered, changed his heart, and went into the vineyard. His story teaches us that our past decisions do not have to determine our future. With God, it is never too late to change our answer.

The first reading gives us the same message. When someone turns away from wrongdoing and begins to do what is right, that person shall live. God does not take pleasure in condemning us or reminding us of every past failure. He desires our conversion, healing, and restoration. He is always ready to welcome the person who turns back to him with a sincere heart.

Within our Native communities, we understand that words carry weight. A promise made to our family, our elders, our community, or the Creator must be honored by the way we live. Beautiful words mean little if they are not accompanied by faithful action. Our relationship with God is the same. The Creator asks us not only to speak about love, but to practice it, not only to admire goodness, but to choose it.

Saint Paul tells us what this life of faithful action should look like: "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." Jesus did not simply speak about love; he lived it. He

humbled himself, became the servant of all, and gave his life for our salvation. His "yes" to the Father was written upon every moment of his life and, finally, upon the Cross.

Perhaps some of us have said "no" to God through anger, neglect, addiction, prejudice, pride, or indifference. Yet today's Gospel assures us that our first answer does not have to be our final answer. By God's grace, we can begin again. We can return to prayer, come back to the Eucharist, forgive someone, seek reconciliation, care for a struggling neighbor, and become more involved in the life of our parish and community. God is not asking whether we have always been perfect. He is asking whether we are willing to begin again. The vineyard is still waiting. Our families need us. Our young people need our example. Our elders need our care. Our parish and Native communities need the gifts that the Creator has placed within each one of us. Let us not merely say, "Yes, Lord." Let us rise, enter the vineyard, and live that yes with courage.

At the end of our lives, may our greatest prayer be more than something spoken with our lips. May it be written in every act of love, every choice to forgive, and every person we faithfully serve:

"Creator God, my life is my answer.
Here I am. Send me."

Yours in the Divine Word,

Fr. Herman Manuel, SVD

PRAYER

Creator God,

soften our hearts

when we resist your voice.

Give us the humility to change,

the courage to begin again,

***and the strength to turn our
promises***

into faithful action.

May our words and our lives

become one wholehearted "yes"

to you. Amen.