

# Weekend of October 24, 2021

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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 12:00 noon @ the Church

**Confessions:** By appointment only



*Please join us for Brother Ed's zoom series on the Catholic Mass.*

**When:** Wednesdays, 10/27 and 11/3

**Time:** 5:30 PM

*If you would like to join us, please contact Brother Ed at [bktparish@aol.com](mailto:bktparish@aol.com) and leave your email address and the zoom link will be sent to you.*



Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony Pico, Dolly Albano, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Agnes Ruiz, Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Cameron Welch, Christine Therese Macaraeg, Beverly Means

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



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

Barona – Thursdays, 3:00 PM

**Reminder:** Please give the bus driver a pass to get off at the church.

### UPCOMING EVENTS



**1 – All Saint's Day Mass, 8:00 AM Barona**

**2 – All Soul's Day schedule:**

*Viejas – 11:00 AM*

*Los Conejos – 12 PM*

*Sycuan – 4 PM*

*Barona – 6:30 PM*

**Sunday, November 7 – Daylight Savings Time ends.**

**Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour!**

**Thursday, November 11 – Veteran's Day**

**Thursday, November 25 - Thanksgiving**

### **JUST A REMINDER**

***WORLD MISSION SUNDAY  
COLLECTION IS SUNDAY, OCT. 24***

*Please make checks payable to either Office for the Missions or Society of the Propagation of the Faith. Envelopes will be available in the church.*

ALL SOUL'S DAY envelopes are in the pews in the churches.

## **PASTOR'S DESK**

**“Jesus, make me see! Make me see your light.”**

**Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time!**

It is good to be back and unwind after a short vacation. And I want to thank my confrere, Fr. Soney Sebastian for celebrating Sunday masses for the times I was on vacation.

Blindness--Suffering--Light--Forgiveness--Mercy—Love--Peace are what we encounter in today's readings.

In today's Gospel, Mark tells us that Jesus had just left the city of Jericho accompanied by his disciples. Many other people also followed him. Mark explains what happened when Jesus met a blind man named Bartimaeus. Jericho is not very far from Jerusalem towards which Our Lord was headed. The blind man was sitting by the side of the road, as he usually did, asking for alms. Something made him realize that a large group of people was coming closer to him. Or, maybe, someone told him that Jesus was near. Without thinking twice, he began to cry out desperately, “Jesus, have mercy on me.”

When they heard him, many of those who were there scolded him, telling him to stop shouting. But he did not pay attention to them as he continued to cry out. Normally, Bartimaeus, precisely because he was blind, trusted in the counsel of those people who helped him, but on this occasion, he felt that he needed to get Jesus to help him and so, ignoring those around him, he placed all of his hope in the one person that he thought could cure him. And it worked out. Jesus, upon hearing the cries of Bartimaeus, stopped and said, “Bring him to me.”

Even though his blindness usually made him wait for the help of others, when he heard someone say, “Take heart, get up, he is calling you,” Bartimaeus did not wait for anyone to help him. He jumped up and approached Jesus, who asked him, “What do you

want me to do for you?” Bartimaeus answered, asking him for what he most desired, “that I might see.” And the Lord cured him. It was his faith that most impressed the Lord. That is why he said, “Go, your faith has cured you.” This man not only had faith, he was firmly convinced that Christ could cure him.

Mark explains to us clearly that if we want to overcome our spiritual blindness we have to do as what Bartimaeus did when the Lord called him. He immediately jumped up and went to Jesus. Many of us may not suffer physical blindness but there are many who suffer from a blindness that is much worse. It is the blindness of the soul. Because of this they cannot see the light that is Christ. Those who suffer from this blindness should also ask the Lord in the same words that the blind man used in the Gospel, “Jesus, make me see.” Because, just as the physically blind can only see darkness, those whose souls are blind will not be able to see the light that is Christ.

Bartimaeus, who always waited at the side of the road, without hope of recovering his sight, found the road, the way, the truth and the life, he found Jesus and when he felt the Lord's presence, when he heard the Lord speak, he raised his voice and shouted, so that the Lord could hear him. He did not ask the Lord immediately to cure his blindness, he simply said, “Lord, have mercy on me.” He placed all of his hope in the Master who was passing by and of whom he had heard speak. He had faith in Jesus and in his mercy. He did not have faith because he was cured; he was cured because he had faith. And when Jesus cured Bartimaeus, who had been blind since birth, he recognized that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah, he felt great peace of heart and soul and he followed Jesus.

We can also feel that peace in our hearts. Let us not be blind of soul. Let us follow the example of Bartimaeus. Let us go to the Lord with faith and ask him to help us, to have mercy on us, to open our eyes and our hearts so that we can see his splendor and feel his love and his peace. **Lord, make us see! ake us see your light! HAVE MERCY ON US!**