

Weekend of January 1, 2023

The Holy Mother of God

New Year's Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sunday, 1/8/23 – Children's Mass, all reservations.

ATTENTION!

Fr. Herman will be gone Monday, 1/2/23 – Friday, 1/6/23. There will be no daily masses during this time.

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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

Saturday: 5:00 PM mass

Sunday: Sunday 8:00 AM. @ church

Confessions: By appointment only

Adoration: 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).

Viejias:

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....

Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, Donna Berardi, Vicaldo Family, Anthony Pico, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Sam Halabo, Bobby Curo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Robert and Margie Cruz, Gina Curo, Rick Lechner, Mark Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, Dennis Colton, Manny Ilagan, George Arviso, Ernie and Emy Lampa, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Nicanor and Evacueto Elman, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Juan Miguel, Bert Zita, AJ & Angela Samot

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Prayer for a New Year

O God of ages past and present, you
bring us comfort
and bless our days, nights, months, and
years
with your goodness.

Bless us as we receive the gift of this
new year.

May we be open to your Spirit
With the hope and promise each day
brings.

Keep us holy, healthy, and safe
So that each day we may praise you
with joy.

Through Christ our Lord.

-Fr. John Thomas Lane, SSS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Barona, K-8th:

Classes have changed to **Wednesdays:**

3:30 pm – 1st year students/ First Communion

4:30 pm – 2nd year students/ First Communion

Sycuan: 2nd year youth class is at **10:30 am.**

ADULT CLASS –

Please contact Judy Oyos (judy.otm@gmail.com) or Fr. Herman Manuel (herman_manuel@hotmail.com) for Adult class information.



Blessings and New Beginnings **A reflection on Mary, Mother of God**

I would like to greet you a warm Ipaay-Kumeyaay,

Matt Aamh Nya Haay Hechalp
Happy New Year!

It is a week after Christmas and we turn the page on a new calendar year. Of course, with the message of JOY last Christmas, this continues today as we welcome the year 2023. The readings invite us to recollect the blessings of the past week, as we look forward to a new year.

It is good for us this first day of the year to look back and remember the build up to Christmas and to slowly recall Christmas day and the past week. What were the graces? What was our Lord offering me in the encounters, interactions, feelings, emotions of this week? What lessons lie there? What calls to conversion? What promises of hope and new life do I want to nurture before they wither and die? Was I like busy Bethlehem - with no room for him in my heart? Or did he actually come into the most unexpected and barn-like places of my life? What special gifts came, for which I want to remain grateful and keep close to my heart, for some difficult time ahead? In all of what I did, took part in, celebrated, what was there that raised my awareness and solidarity with the poor around me or in the world? What did I do that benefitted the poor? Are there apologies I have to make or people I have to forgive?

Today, we celebrate Mary, Mother of God. We honor Mary as the "Mother of God." It is good for us to let this young woman, so full of grace, so open to her vocation, so ready to be servant, be our guide these days. She participated in God's plan of salvation so dramatically that it is sometimes difficult for us to recall that we, too, are called to play our role in God's plan of salvation.

How has God's messenger called me to make a difference in this world, to play my part in the coming of God's Reign? If I haven't been listening, I can say on this day, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening now! What is it that you want me to do, to be? How can I love more, be more generous, more merciful, be more attentive to the cry of the poor?"

Finally, this is a special day on which we pray for peace in our world. All of us so long for there to be peace in this world. However, the challenge is to let it begin with me, in my heart, in my anger, with my discouragement or resentment.

So, as we treasure all of these things in our hearts, what kinds of "New Year Resolutions" should we make? How can we avoid the passing ones that won't last even a few weeks? What if we make New Year's Commitments? What if we planned out what things we need to re-form in our lives and then decided how we can begin practicing that new behavior? What if we asked a friend or loved one to help me with new habits? What if we just started with being more grateful, by beginning each day, when we put on our slippers or get in the shower, or put on our shoes, with a brief moment of thanking God for the people who will be in our life this day? What if every Saturday morning, we did a brief "examination of conscience" on how loving I was this past week, or how tender or affirming or compassionate we were? What if I asked how conscious I was of those who have so much less than I do? This kind of weekly examination can help with a weekly renewal of my commitments.

Today is a day to remember, at the beginning of a new year, that his passionate desire to come into our hearts continues today and every day of our lives. Looking back, we can move forward, praising the name of Jesus who invites us to be servants of his own mission this New Year.

Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.