

Weekend of January 14, 2024

***Second 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....**

Vicaldo Family, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Wendy Reyes, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, George Arviso, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Juan Miguel, Bert Zita, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Romero Family, Annie McTavish, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Blanca Lechner, Paolo Espiritu, John Clark, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Mark Noriega, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke, Colleen Crowden, Jeff Ashii, Pamela Nolan CSC, Rosario and Paul Estepa, Deacon William Clarke  
*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

*Barona: Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.  
with Alyssa Parada*

*Sacramental Preparation with Mark Price are ongoing each Wednesday.*

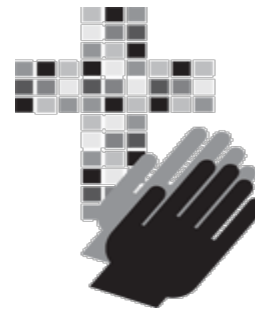
*Viejas: 3:00 PM  
Barona: 4:30 PM*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**FEBRUARY**

Sunday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – Children’s mass at all reservations, led by Mark Price.



Lord help me  
to remember  
that nothing  
is going to happen  
to me today  
that You and I  
together can't handle.  
Amen.

**SACRAMENT INFORMATION**

**INFANT BAPTISM:**

We are happy that you have chosen to have your child Baptized. Here are some of the requirements that we would like you to be aware of.

**Requirements:** Parents and godparents must attend one preparation session. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics, according to Church regulations.

**Additional Information:** Parents should be attending Mass regularly. They should contact Beth Glasco (619-820-6880) to schedule the preparation session. The date for the Baptism will be set at this time. Only one godparent, of the same gender as the child, is recommended.

# **PASTOR'S CORNER**

## **Listen. . . God is calling You**

### **A reflection on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Shhhhhhh . . . . .listen, God is calling you. Turn off everything that is distracting you right now and listen to God's voice. Can you hear him? Maybe God's voice is in another person?

We begin Ordinary Time in our liturgical year by listening to God's voice. In both the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Gospel this Sunday, we have picture of people being called to follow God. Samuel gets confused and thinks that it is another human being calling him. Eli understands eventually that it is God calling Samuel and has the courage to tell him that.

In the Gospel, it is John the Baptist who points two of his followers in the direction of Jesus. One of them is Andrew and he later brings his own brother along. Here it is clear that the call to follow Jesus can come through others and does not necessarily have to come directly from God Himself.

We are invited to reflect on our own lives. Many of us probably don't think that we are called by God. Yet the Scriptures seem to indicate that each person has a special call from God: to serve God, perhaps to be married, perhaps to be celibate, perhaps to lead and perhaps to follow someone else. A call from God is a call to live.

In order to hear a call, we must become silent so that we can listen. This is probably the greatest challenge of all in our present age. There is so much noise, so much distraction, so many people and things that want our attention. There is also a huge difficulty today in seeking what is right, because lots of cultures do not recognize any difference between right and wrong, but only recognize a difference between what I want and what I don't want.

It is at this point that I recall Martin Luther King, Jr. and Arnold Janssen. Two great men of faith who in spite of the noise and distraction in their

surroundings were still able to be focused on God's "call" to change the world they lived in.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a dedicated Christian, zealous preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, tireless defender of the dignity of the human person, uncompromising champion of the equality of all the sons and daughters of God, an ardent ambassador of reconciliation and peace. Through the efforts of Dr. King and the persevering work of many others, much has been accomplished in legally dismantling the structures of segregation and in discrediting public expressions of racism.

Fr. Arnold Janssen was just a simple Diocesan priest and a teacher in Christian Doctrine during the Second World War. But God had bigger plans for him. Responding to the difficulties and challenges during his time, he founded the Society of the Divine Word, who are popularly known as the Divine Word Missionaries of which I am a member of, in order to help people who are poor, oppressed, persecuted of their religion, etc. Later on, he founded two other congregations, the Blue Sisters known as the Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit (SSpS) who go with the priests and brothers in foreign lands and a contemplative order, Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration (SSpSAP), popularly known as the Pink Sisters. Members of the Society of the Divine Word now number about 10,000 all over the world.

From these two men, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Arnold Janssen we see great models of how we should listen to God's call. When we speak of God's call, we are speaking about something very personal and very intimate, but not in the same way as we might have a relationship with another human being. We must learn to be in contact with the very inmost recesses of our own being—but we must not think that a call from God is simply knowing ourselves. This is also one of the difficulties in our own time. It is as though many people think that we can look in a mirror and, in the mirror, find out what God wants simply by knowing ourselves.

On this Second Sunday of the Year, we are invited to listen and to respond to God. We are invited to make our decisions in life from an awareness of His personal call to us. We are invited to seek truth and to follow it. May we come to know the living God who invites us to

share in His live. And may we make the  
decisions in our lives that proclaim that we are  
followers of the Lord Jesus.