

Weekend of February 6, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



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

Sunday, February 13 –

This Sunday during each individual mass we will celebrate wedding anniversaries and renewal of wedding vows. Please bring your wedding rings.

February 18 & 19 – ACA Collection weekend

Thursday, February 24 – Barona Clubhouse, Town Hall Meeting with Bishop Robert McElroy.
6:00 p.m. – Light dinner will be served.
7:00-9:00 p.m. – Meet with Bishop

He will be coming to hear from us our concerns regarding our country and our church as we strive to live our Catholic faith.



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, , Abraham Pascual, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Louck, David Ramos, Fr Rey Manahan, Fr Henry Sands, Emelita Noriega

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.



March 2 – Ash Wednesday Schedule

Barona	8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Sycuan	5:00 p.m.
Viejas	7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 11 – Barona, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Anointing of the Sick

Friday, March 18 – Viejas, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Anointing of the Sick

Friday, March 25 – Sycuan, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Anointing of the Sick

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (K-High School)

Barona: Class meets on Thursday, 3:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Unworthy Ministers

A reflection on the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In a certain church there was a man in the choir who couldn't sing very well. The choir director suggested that he should leave the choir. Others felt he should be given more time to improve. The choir director then decided to go to the pastor and complain. "You've got to get that man out of the choir or else I'm going to resign." So, the pastor went to the man and said to him, "Perhaps you should leave the choir." "Why should I leave the choir?" the man asked. "Well," said the pastor, "four or five people have told me you can't sing." "That's nothing," the man replied, "forty or fifty people have told me you can't preach!" Today's readings show us how God can make use of the most unlikely people to fulfil the divine purpose.

The first reading is on the call of Isaiah, the second on the call of Paul, and the Gospel on the call of Peter and his coworkers. How did these people feel when they realized that they were in the presence of God, they all felt unworthy of God. Isaiah said: "**Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips!**" (Isaiah 6:5). Paul felt himself unfit to be called an apostle because he persecuted the church of God. (1 Corinthians 15:9). And Peter fell down at Jesus' feet and said, "**Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!**" (Luke 5:8). Initial feeling of personal unworthiness could be a sign that a soul has seen God. That is why humility is said to be the first and primary virtue in authentic spirituality. The feeling of personal worthiness and competence, not to talk of the feeling of self-righteousness and spiritual superiority, could be a sign that the soul has neither seen nor known God.

When the soul confesses its sinfulness and inadequacy before God, God reaches out and absolves the sinner and renders him or her competent to serve Him. In the case of Isaiah, one of the seraphs touched his lips with a burning coal taken from the altar of the temple and said to him, "**Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed, and your sin is blotted out**" (Isaiah 6:7). In the case of Simon Peter, Jesus said to him, "**Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people**" (Luke 5:10). We see that their qualification for the work of God does not come from them but from God. It is not their personal achievement; it is God's grace. That is why Paul could say, "**But by the grace of God I am what I am**" (1 Corinthians 15:10).

Beyond the feeling of personal unworthiness, there is another quality that the three people who are called to do God's work in today's readings have in common, and that is the availability to do God's will and the readiness to

follow His directives. As soon as Isaiah hears the voice of the Lord asking, "**Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?**" his immediate response was: "**Here am I; send me!**" (Isaiah 6:8). In the case of Peter and his partners, we are told that "**they left everything and followed him**" (Luke 15:11) without looking back. And Paul threw himself with so much zeal into God's work that he worked harder than all those who were called before him, though as he is quick to point out, "**it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me**" (1 Corinthians 15:10). Merely feeling unworthy and incompetent does not make us into people that God can work with. We must add to that the availability and willingness to go out there and do as the Lord directs.

When we follow the guidance of the Lord in our lives, we achieve results that will blow our minds. This is what we see in Peter's miraculous catch of fish. He and his men toiled all night long and caught nothing. They were relying on their own competence as seasoned fishermen and following their own minds as to where and how to throw the net. The result, in one word, was failure. But when they followed the Lord's guidance which, humanly speaking, did not make much sense (fishermen did not set the net in broad daylight), the result was a resounding success.

Today, as always, the good Lord continues to ask: "**Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?**" The Lord still needs messengers, men and women who, like Isaiah, will proclaim the Good News of God's love in the temple, or who, like Paul, will announce it in foreign lands to the ends of the earth, or who, like Peter, will speak up for God in the workplace and bring their coworkers and business partners to know and follow the Lord. If we feel unworthy and incompetent for the work of God, know that it is only people who feel that way that God can use. All that remains is for you to take the risk and say, "**Here am I; send me!**" The Lord himself will see to it that He renders you fit for the job He wants you to do for Him, as He did with Isaiah, with Paul, and with Peter.

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