

# Weekend of February 12, 2023 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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).

## **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....**

Sue Kierig, , Donna Berardi, Vicaldo Family, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Irmira Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Robert and Margie Cruz, Rick Lechner, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, 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, Deacon Gene Neral, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal

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

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

### **Barona, K-8th:**

Classes have changed to **Wednesdays:**

**3:30 pm – 1<sup>st</sup> year students/ First Communion**

**4:30 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> year students/ First Communion**

**Sycuan: 2<sup>nd</sup> year youth class is at 10:30 am.**

“You have heard that it was said...’ Jesus challenges His disciples to a deeper embrace of His teachings. Embrace His teachings with your whole heart, mind and soul.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

## **FEBRUARY**

**Tuesday, February 14 – Valentine’s Day**

**Sunday, February 19 – Children’s Mass, all reservations**

**Wednesday, February 22 – ASH WEDNESDAY**

Schedule - 8:00 AM & 6:00 PM – Barona

5:00 PM – Sycuan

7:00 PM - Viejas

**Wednesday, March 1 – Native American Martyr’s meeting, Barona clubhouse, 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 5 – Tuesday, March 7 – Lenten retreat, 6:00 p.m., Barona Clubhouse**

The Eucharist and the Pascal Mystery presented by Reverend Ramon Bejarano, Auxiliary Bishop of SD



## **Saint Valentine’s Day**

O St. Valentine, lover of Christ and of the Church, we ask your intercession that we may learn how to love God above all things and to selfishly love one another. O glorious St. Valentine, pray for us, that we too may have the steadfast faith of the martyrs. Amen.



**ZOOM LENTEN SERIES with Brother Ed Nolan**

We will explore the dynamic relationship between Christ and the biblical persons in the Lenten scriptural readings and the Way of the Cross. There are many relationships Jesus has that can strengthen our faith and shed light and insight into our own evolving spiritual life.

**When: 2/15, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 & 4/5**

**Time: 5:00 - 6:00 PM**

Please email Sandy at [bktparish@aol.com](mailto:bktparish@aol.com) with your email and you will be sent the zoom link and a reminder the day before.

## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

### **The Joy and Happiness of being with God in the Kingdom**

A reflection on the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

On this sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are again invited to change our lives and to recognize the demands of the Scriptures on our lives. Christian life is not meant to be comforting so much as transforming for us. Jesus does not come to us telling us that we are so good that we need to do nothing. Rather, Jesus tells us to repent for the kingdom of God is at hand.

Immediately we begin to wonder: what is the Kingdom? Do I want the Kingdom? Why would I want the kingdom? The Book of Sirach tells us that we have a basic choice in our life: for good or for evil. This choice is for each of us without exception. Our human situation can be very complex: some choose the kingdom and yet do not repent. Others choose against the kingdom but still repent. We are not here to judge one another, but to respond to the living God.

We are invited to live in God's wisdom, mysterious and hidden, as the First Letter to the Corinthians tells us. This mysterious and hidden wisdom can be at work in us without us even knowing it. The more that we do know it and respond to it, the stronger our faith can become. We might even recognize that God does everything to draw us into His Kingdom, no matter how much we resist. On the other hand, we have been given this incredible gift of freedom, of free choice. Every time that we choose for what is right and good, it strengthens us on the path of

salvation. Every time that we choose sin and slavery and be less than we could be, we weaken ourselves in the way of salvation.

We know that our sexuality is one of those areas that is an incredible gift of God but can also become an area of choosing only for our pleasure. Our present culture encourages pleasure and the choices that increase pleasure without even mentioning that there can be deep and wonderful meanings in sexuality that have nothing to do with this physical pleasure but with the use of our whole being for others. And for those who have received the gift of marriage, sexuality can become an incredibly intimate bond of deep union that goes far beyond simple physical pleasure.

There are pleasures in eating, as well, and pleasures in power and authority. There are pleasures in smells and in touch. Our senses bring us such an incredible richness in our lives. The challenge is always to find out the deepest meanings of these pleasures and to choose according to the will of God.

For many of us humans, freedom means the freedom to do what I want. In the Scriptures, freedom is the freedom to do what God wants. There can be a vast difference.

Our God invites us to be simple and direct and to choose the Father's will because that is the only way to life. May our hearts rejoice as we listen to God's word and learn how to choose that which brings life in Him. And this is what it means the KINGDOM—the joy and happiness to be with the Lord eternally in heaven.