

Weekend of February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Monday, February 14 – St. Valentine's Day

February 18 & 19 – ACA Collection weekend. The Annual Catholic Appeal will support the formation of and care for our priests, support our Catholic school and faith formation programs and our office of marriage, family life and spirituality. It also will help Catholic charities to continue the good works of serving those less fortunate. Envelopes are in back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday, February 20 – Children's Mass on all reservations, homily will be by Mark Price.

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.



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

March 13, 14, 15 – Barona, 6:30 p.m. LENTEN RETREAT 2022 – Following Jesus on the Journey by David L. Ungerleider, SJ

March 15 at 7:00 p.m. – Lent Reconciliation Service

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

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

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



Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, Donna Berardi, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony Pico, Dolly Albano, Mike Montes, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Agnes Ruiz, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Abraham Pascual, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Louck, David Ramos, Felix Chiu, Edna De La Cruz Yusi, Marlon Amaranto, Sam Halabo

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (K-High School)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM, Barona.

Friday, March 25 – Sycuan, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the
Anointing of the Sick



The Pursuit of Happiness

A reflection on the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Everybody wants to be happy. But happiness is a very elusive thing. And the reason is we don't agree on what it means to be happy. Some maintain that you can be happy if you have lots of money. Others believe in the saying "live with gusto or to the fullest; you live life only once." Which is tantamount to saying, "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow you die."

Can money buy happiness? Ivan Kruger was a Swedish multimillionaire, who amassed his vast wealth through highly dubious and immoral ways. He cheated the bankers of the United States of \$ 250 million in the 1920's through fraudulent financial statements and forged bonds. From 1918 until his death, the living expenses of this bachelor, who maintained seven city homes, three country estates, and several yachts, averaged 8 million a year. Did he find peace and happiness? By 1932 his life had become unbearable to him. To end such unhappy, turbulent life, He committed suicide in Paris.

Poor Kruger, he died a lonely man. And not all his millions and few cronies could make him happy. Well, you can say that of certain political leaders in this country whose vast wealth and cronies could not prevent them from being toppled down from their high perks.

When Christ came, he had a blueprint or guideline for living which turned upside down the prescriptions for happiness the world offers. That prescription is contained in the Gospel of the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time on "Beatitudes" (Be Happy Attitudes) according to St. Luke (6:28-38), a shorter version of Matthew's (5:1-12).

Jesus declares "Happy are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours."

What Jesus meant by being poor was not just material poverty. Jesus never intended to approve of the grinding poverty that we see in the slums of our societies. It's this kind of thing that every Christian should try to eradicate from his midst. On the other hand, the rich are considered "poor" if they have the spirit of detachment from their wealth or don't forget God as the source of their blessings and can reach out to their destitute brethren.

Isn't this the spiritual problem today? In pursuit of the "good things" in life, some have forgotten their eternal destiny of heaven and have made money their "god". So much that some people have to steal, cheat and kill in pursuit of money or having more and more of it.

In the third beatitude, "Blessed are the meek," meekness is not synonymous with weakness. The meek person is not silent in the face of evil or does not stand up when other people's rights are trampled upon. Mahatma Gandhi, the charismatic leader of India, who courageously and vigorously fought against the injustices in his native land, was a strong man. And this he did – not with force or violence. Although Gandhi was not a Christian, he was a "meek" and holy man.

The rest of the beatitudes: Being hungry for holiness, merciful, pure of heart, peacemaker, persecuted for righteousness all spell out God's prescription of happiness for us.

Is our life on earth guided by Jesus' prescription in achieving a true and lasting happiness? What motivates you in life? Is it only worldly riches or the heavenly riches, too?

Remember Jesus' words: "Store up treasures in heaven where neither rust nor moth can destroy" (Matt 6:20).

Remember, too, St. Augustine who, after a life lived in worldly pleasures, said in the end: "Lord, our hearts are made for You. Our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

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