

Weekend of February 14, 2021

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

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, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony and Diana Pico, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Helen Cadiente, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Agnes Ruiz, Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Debbie Gonzalez, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Anthony Harut Haurutuynian, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Eugene "Gino" Vicaldo, Skylar Rosas, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Crispin Echiverri, Elvira Hapin, Sara Amador, Lisa Black, Caroline Mendoza and family, Jay Rodriguez, Jan Jacobs, Sandra Barrett
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PARTICIPATE IN MASS

by livestreaming with Fr. Herman

Please note weekday Mass time change

Weekdays, Tues-Friday at 8:00 AM,

Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel

New Mass Schedule due to the Covid-19 guidelines

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM Barona @ the Church

Sunday 8:00AM - Barona @ the Shrine

Sunday 10:30 AM - Viejas @ the Church

Sunday 12:00 PM noon – Sycuan, outside of the Church



Wednesday – February 17, 2021

Barona – 8:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Viejas – 5:00 PM

Sycuan – 3:00 PM



NEW ZOOM CLASS with Brother Ed Nolan beginning Thursday, February 18!

If you would like to join these Zoom classes, please send Brother Ed your email address at bktparish@aol.com and download the Zoom app on your device.

LENTEN SERIES

The Meaning of Suffering, Death and Resurrection

When: Thursdays, February 18, 25 and March 4, 11, 18

Time: 5:30 PM

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Come, follow me...and bring hope to the world. Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, "Renewing Hope" was selected because as disciples of Jesus, we follow the

Master who both gives us hope and sends us to bring his hope to our world that needs it so much.

Please make your intention to the Annual Catholic Appeal. You can make your contribution online at giving.sdcatholic.org, or by picking up a combo brochure/response card here at the parish.

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“I do will it. Be cured!”

A reflection on the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leprosy was the most dreaded disease of the ancient world. It was considered the worst curse of God. It was horrible, repulsive, disfiguring, and ultimately fatal disease. In the first reading, we see some of the laws from the book of Leviticus regarding leprosy. The leper had to show himself to the priest, declare himself unclean, and be isolated from the community. He had to shout out to passersby, “unclean, unclean!”

In the scriptures, diseases of the body are often symbolic of sin, the disease of the soul. One of the most powerful symbols of sin is the disease of leprosy. As horrible as leprosy is, sin is worse. This is not easy for us to believe, because we are largely blind to what our sin condition really looks like, and to the effects that our sins have on ourselves and others. If we could see sin as it really is, we would be appalled and disgusted by it.

God does see sin as it truly is. He sees the ugliness of it, and the devastation that, it causes. He hates sin, but he has only mercy and compassion on sinners. No matter how ugly a person’s sin might be, God does not turn away in disgust, but reaches out with love and healing. We can see this love portrayed for us in today’s gospel, in the way Jesus deals with a leper. The leper was probably an ugly sight, frightening to see, maybe smelling bad. He approaches Jesus with faith and with great humility, kneeling down in front of him and making this beautiful prayer: “if you will to do so, you can cure me.” Jesus does not avoid the leper or reject him in any way, rather, he is “moved with pity.” We see here the response in the heart of God towards a sinner. Then, the gospel says, “He stretched out his hand and touched him.” This was an unimaginable act at time: *to touch a leper!* He tells the leper: “I do will it. Be cured.” Thus, he reveals the

will of God for sinners: that they be “cured,” freed from sin.

We are all sinners. Often our first reaction when we see our sin or sense it in our conscience is to hide it, hoping no one will notice it. We tell ourselves that it’s not really so bad. We even try to hide from God, like Adam in the Garden of Eden, in the vain that he will not see our sin. But sin does not simply go away or get better on its own. If we deny our sin condition, we can never be cured of it. Healing only takes place when we show ourselves to Jesus, our great High Priest. When we repent, we present ourselves humbly before Jesus and say to Him, “If you will to do so, you can cure me. You can make me clean. I can’t do it myself. Only you can do it, Lord Jesus.”

How do we experience this in our lives? There are many ways Jesus touches us, but among the most important ways is through the sacraments. Confession is the sacrament in which we “show ourselves” to the priest and expose our sin. We do not hide anything; we reveal our ugly condition. The things that we do not allow anybody else to know or see, we say it loud before the Lord in the confessional. There in confession we are truly touched by Jesus. He says to us, “I do will it. Be cured.” And it happens! When we come out of the confessional, we are clean, spiritually healed. It is a very beautiful gift.

Our heart’s desire is to live as St. Paul urges us, “all for the glory of God.” Like him, we want more than anything to be imitators of Christ. So let us make a firm decision to reject sin on our lives. Let us show ourselves to Jesus Christ and be set free from sin. Let us present ourselves humbly to him in the sacrament of Confession so that he can touch us and make us clean.

Ask yourself the following questions: Am I willing to show my inner self to the priest through the sacrament of reconciliation? Do I use the sacrament of reconciliation for the grace the Lord wants to give me, or just to make myself feel better? Do my pride and fear keep me from allowing Jesus to touch the deepest recesses of my heart to heal me?