

Weekend of February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of

Lent

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 Rapczak, 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, 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, Haley Price, Mark Marquez, Lulu Cabinatan, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Fr. Dominic Asare, SVD
Please check the 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Barona: 4:30 PM

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

MARCH

Sunday, March 3 – Tuesday, March 5 –

6:30 p.m. nightly, Barona

Lenten Retreat, A Ministry of Presence

Fr. Raymond Wea, SVD

Sunday, March 10 – Daylight Savings time begins. Clocks will spring forward one hour at 2 a.m. on this day.

Sat. March 9 and Sun., March 10 – Annual Lenten Collection

Sunday, March 17 – Children’s Mass at all reservations led by Mark Price.

PRAYER for Second Sunday of Lent

God of purpose and grace, fill us with a longing for the life you created for us. Give us strength to endure suffering and difficulties, and joy in the midst of them. Help us to walk in your way and to seek your mercy when we stumble. Amen.



God calls Abraham to be willing to sacrifice all that is dear to him even his own son, Isaac. In order to repond to a priestly or

religious vocation, the same call to sacrifice is heard. Are you willing?

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PASTOR'S CORNER

**“This is my Beloved Son. Listen to Him”
DO WE LISTEN TO JESUS?
A reflection on the 2nd Sunday of Lent**

In today's gospel we hear the beautiful story of the Transfiguration as told to us by Mark. Once again, we see how Jesus appears to take his favorites, Peter, James and John, apart from the other disciples to teach them separately. It appears on the surface that its purpose is for God to tell them that Jesus is 'my beloved Son'. Although that message seems to come through loud and clear I think there is more to it than that.

In the previous chapter in Mark's gospel, Jesus asks his disciples "who do people say that I am?". It tells us they replied, "John the Baptist, Elijah or one of the prophets". But when he asks them "who do YOU say that I am?" only Peter replies "You are the Messiah". Peter seems to have it right but does anyone else get it. Next Jesus tells them that "the Son of Man will be killed", and Peter takes Jesus off to the side and rebukes him regarding the statement about His death, and Jesus scolds Peter by calling him Satan and tells him to get behind him.

It sounds to me like none of his disciples are understanding both 'who He really is' or 'what is going to happen to him', possibly Jesus is even getting tired of trying to explain this to them because they don't seem to be listening to Him. So, Jesus decides to take the three of them apart from the others on this high mountain. To me the 'high mountain' symbolizes the place where God is, therefore God is going to show them that Jesus isn't Elijah or Moses as some might say, but God by showing them the transfigured Jesus and talking to them, lets them know who Jesus really is 'This is my beloved Son, listen to Him'. As a matter of fact, it is almost like God is yelling it to them.

It reminds me of the commercial by one of the cell phone companies where the man is asking

"Can you hear me now?". God is yelling at them "CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW. You were thinking so much as humans do, that you weren't taking the time to really listen to me or my Son, CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?" "This is my BELOVED SON, LISTEN to Him". Can you picture God yelling at them?

I think there are many times in our lives when we are like those disciples, and God is trying to talk to us, but we aren't listening to Him. He even tries to yell at us, through all kinds of means, but just isn't getting through. How busy our lives can get, we say many times that there just isn't enough time for us to do everything we want to do, or it appears, to listen to everything we need to hear. How often do you see someone walking around listening to some kind of new-fangled music device or even listening to someone on a cell phone. You can't ever seem to get away from cell phones, in cars, hospitals, offices, and even churches, people have to be talking on a cell phone instead of paying attention to what they should be doing. God is probably yelling at us from the top of His lungs, but we just can't hear Him because we are so plugged in with everything else that we can't hear Him.

How often do we really take time out of our day or even week to listen to what God is telling us? Maybe since we are only in the second week of lent, we could think about slowing down just a little bit during this lent, to take the time to not only listen to God but think about what he is telling us to do with our lives and act on it.

One example: How many women do you think today, who find themselves facing an unexpected and unwanted pregnancy, think to listen to what God might be telling them to do. I believe that if they would 'listen to Him' and act in accord with His suggestion, we could erase the word 'abortion' from the English language.

I believe that God is trying very hard to talk to each and every one of us every day, we just need to take the time away from everything else to listen to him.

Can you hear Him now?
