

Weekend of February 26, 2023 First Sunday of Lent

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

MARCH

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

Saturday, March 18-Sunday, March 19 –
Lenten Collection weekend



Prayer for Lent

Lord Jesus, send your Holy Spirit upon us this Lent
that we might faithfully keep watch with you. As we
pray to our Father in a spirit of repentance and
thanksgiving, help us to turn to our brothers and
sisters in love and service. May this sacred season be
a time of mercy, a time for us to forgive others as we
have been forgiven by you. Bring all of us who
worship you as our Redeemer closer together as we
prepare to celebrate your dying and rising.

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: 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 & 4/5

Time: 5:00 - 6:00 PM

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).

Viejias:

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, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and
Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, 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 – 1st year students/ First Communion

4:30 pm – 2nd year students/ First Communion

Sycuan: 2nd year youth class is at **10:30 am.**

Through the obedience of Christ comes acquittal from
sin. Through our obedience to Christ, we can be a
conduit of Grace to this world.

**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER
SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Please email Sandy at bktparish@aol.com with your email and you will be sent the zoom link and a reminder the day before.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Becoming Aware of our Brokenness to Get Reconciled with Jesus

A reflection on the First Sunday of Lent

The First Sunday of Lent introduces us to the many realities of our lives. The themes of sin, the fall of Adam, the redemption of Christ and overcoming sin and evil come to the fore. These themes are a key to a better preparation before we celebrate the feast of Easter.

The First Reading brings us to an awareness of our own sinfulness. The reading recalls the story of the fall of our first parents who disobeyed the word of God by eating the forbidden fruit. Their sinning was realized through the deception of the devil. The devil persuaded Adam and Eve to turn away from the truth and from God. As a result, many graces had been lost because of sin, and their action had an effect to the entire humanity.

The Second Reading contrasts Adam with Christ. While many things were lost in the wake of disobedience of Adam, through the obedience of Christ a new life has been won. St Paul says that *“For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.”* Thus, we have been saved by the obedience of Christ which culminated in Jesus’ death on the Cross.

The Gospel talks about the temptations of Jesus in the desert. We have seen the dramatic struggle of Jesus. While Jesus prayed and fasted for forty days and forty nights, the devil entered and offered propositions to Jesus. But Jesus never entertained these enticements. He was victorious over the devil.

What is the significance of these readings in this Lenten Season?

First, Lenten season is a time to rediscover the reality of sin in our lives. It is especially important because more and more people now no longer feel that they are sinning or they no longer have the “sense of sin.” Some may still feel the sin, but they tend to relativize or rationalize their sins. In fact, for some, if a sin is

becoming “popular” or being committed by many, they would not feel anymore the guilt. We can hear people who say, “Father, almost all of us in the office are doing it. So I don’t feel guilty at all.”

Second, Lenten season is a time for new life with Christ. Let us remember that the obedience of Jesus, even to the Cross, has made a difference. We were saved and we have become sharers in the blessings of salvation. Let us make this salvation as our own, by following also the will of God. Obedience to the word or to the will of God may not be an easy thing to do. Like our first parents, we have the tendency to simply do what we want, and on the process, we have rejected God. Let us not forget that true freedom can only be true if we have the capacity to follow the will of God.

Third, the temptation by the devil reminds us of the temptations that we face daily. Jesus was tempted thrice according to the account, and these three temptations are likewise common temptations that we encounter every day. The three temptations are temptations to riches, power and fame. But Jesus never caved in to Satan’s enticing propositions. He fought against the devil. In our life, our tendency is to entertain the devil’s enticements which lead us to commit sin. In such a case, we have been following or bowing to the devil. Lenten season is a time to go back to God. If we have the capacity to refuse the temptations, in effect, we acknowledge the true God who must be in control of our life.

