

# Weekend of February 27, 2022

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Lenten Prayer

God our Father,  
Your will is that everyone be saved and no  
one be lost.  
You draw us to yourself by prayer and  
penance.  
Grant that we may so follow Christ in love  
that our lives may help others and our  
weakness never hinder them.  
We make this prayer in his name,  
Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

-The Glenstal Book of Prayer

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

### MARCH

#### 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.

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

**Friday, March 11** - Barona: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

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

**Friday, March 25** – Sycuan: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, March 13** – Daylight savings time begins at 2:00 a.m.

**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



**The Challenge of Being Christ in Today's World**



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.

## A reflection on the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's world, it is easier for us to find mistakes of others; to be critical of the shortcomings of others; to be unsatisfied of other people's efforts rather than be appreciative of their hard work. . . or at least be tolerant. . . or be supportive. . . to love rather than hate others?

Yet we fail to critique ourselves.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus says to us: "We see the speck in another person's eye but fail to see the log in ours". How true, isn't it? A person I fully respect always reminds me to be careful when we point an accusing finger on another person, because three of them are pointing to us.

Why do we act this way? Is it envy? Is it to cover our own shortcomings and/or failures? Either way this attitude is pernicious; it is self-destructive.

Several Sundays ago, one of the Mass readings was St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 12, 12-27) in which St. Paul describes the Mystical Body of Christ. As baptized Christians, each one of us is a part of the same Mystical Body. And St. Paul furthermore makes note of how different each one of us is. "God put our bodies together in such a way that even the parts that seem the least important are valuable. He did this to make all parts of the body work together smoothly, with each part caring for one another." It is a wonderful concept, that each one of us born in Christ in baptism is intimately connected with each other that there should be unity among ourselves.

This unity is blessed by God, but because of human attitudes, and behaviors, we tend to disagree or oppose some parts of the Mystical Body. Hence, we only see the bad instead of the good. This leading to false judgments. We allow certain biases to arise that prevent us from being close to people. In fact, there may be some individuals whose mere presence make us uncomfortable. Such attitudes and reactions are certainly not compatible with the notion of the Mystical Body of Christ.

Today's gospel from St. Luke follows immediately upon his beautiful explanation of unconditional love whereby we are to love even our enemies. This kind

of love is not ordinary. It can only come with the grace of God. It is not easy after all to love our enemies. To do so requires a lot of effort and will. This is the challenge of today's gospel message to us. We need to look at each other as a child of God removing our biases and false judgments. Instead we need to accept each other's shortcomings and imperfections. Let us always do our best to look at the good side of people.

Does this sound impossible or difficult to achieve? This is exactly the mission of Christ on earth: to transform the world, according to the will of His Father, especially the attitudes of people, that each one of us is really and genuinely, by our actions and words a part of the Mystical Body of Christ

Today's gospel is a bold challenge for every one of us, as followers of Christ.

