

# Weekend of March 6, 2022

## First Sunday of Lent

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

### 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.

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



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

**March 13, 14, 15** – Barona Clubhouse, 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

**Sunday, March 20** – Children’s Mass, All reservations

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“Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.” (Lk 4:1)

Ask Jesus for an increase in strength and perserverance in resisting temptation, and in following God’s will for you.



The Divine Power to Resist Temptations



Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, Donna Berardi, Billy, Penny and 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, Anita Uqualla, Bobby Curo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Billy Brown, Margie Cruz, Gina Curo, Sam Halabo, Alex Lechner, Rick Lechner, Paul Sanchez, Joseph Kardian, Emilita Noriega, David Ramos, Feliz Chiu, Edna de la Cruz Yusi, Marlon Amaranto, Tiffany Erwin

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

## A reflection on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

There's an amusing story about a young man who was constantly bedeviled by sensual thoughts. Feeling guilty, he consulted a priest-friend.

"Don't worry," the priest assured him, "these thoughts popped out in our minds. They're not sinful but only enticements. But the moment you start entertaining them, they become sinful. Did you entertain them?"

The young man paused, then sheepishly replied: "Well, I didn't entertain them, Father, but I think, they entertained me!"

Temptations are an ever-present reality in our lives. They are not just temptations of the flesh, but also of injustice, cheating, stealing, or murder. It's when we give in to them that they become sinful.

The Gospel message for this 1st Sunday of Lent relates how Jesus underwent temptations in the desert and how he struggled to overcome them, thus setting for us an example. (Read Lk 4:1-13).

FIRST, the tempter was sweet-talking Jesus to use His powers for His own personal aggrandizement. "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to turn into loaves" (Lk 4:3). There is always the temptation for us to use selfishly whatever powers or talents God has given us. A person, for instance, may possess an innate ability to sing. He may cash in on it, refusing to use it unless he is paid. There is no reason why he should not use it for pay, but there's no reason why he should use it ONLY to get paid.

SECOND, Jesus was challenged by the devil to throw Himself down the temple parapet but would not get hurt. He lured Him to do something sensational. In short, perform a miracle. In the U.S., we have a penchant for the extraordinary. The trouble is that we're so drawn to the sensational that we overlook the many "miracles of faith" that are happening

quietly every day. For instance, isn't it a miracle that strong, happy families survive in an environment of broken marriages? Or that many Catholics practice honesty and compassion where selfishness and dishonesty abound?

THIRD, the tempter's avenue of assault was for Jesus to "fall down and worship me, and I will give you all the kingdoms of this world" (Lk 4:6). In short, compromise. Don't demand too much. Wink just a little at evil and people will follow you. But Christ slammed the tempter's enticement. There can never be compromises with evil. Evil cannot be defeated by compromising with evil.

Finally, remember one very important thing. Temptation often comes not at our strongest, but at our weakest moments. Jesus' temptation began AFTER 40 days of fasting. Isn't it true that when one is broken and creditors are running after him, the temptation to steal or accept bribes can be very strong?

We have just entered the season of Lent. Lent is a special occasion which calls us to deep decision-making. It challenges us to test our fidelity to God and reject the devil. Can you pass the test?

**Have a blessed and joyful Lent.**