

Weekend of March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent



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 Haurutyunian, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Eugene "Gino" Vicaldo, Skylar Rosas, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Lisa Black, Jan Jacobs

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

ZOOM CLASS with Brother Ed Nolan

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



Sunday, March 14 at 2:00 AM. Be sure to set your clock forward, so you won't be late for mass.

"We proclaim Christ, Crucified!" In the Crucifixion, we find strength. In the Cross is our triumph. Rest in His mercy that you might proclaim Him in all that you say and do.

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Just a reminder!

Father's salary is due for those who make payments yearly or twice a year. For those who give monthly, please continue. Thank you so much.

**Annual Lenten Collection
March 13-14, 2021**

Each year all parishes in the Diocese of San Diego are asked to participate in the Annual Lenten Collection. The weekend of March 13-14 has been designated for the 2021 Annual Lenten Collection. Special collections provide an opportunity for us as individuals and as a parish faith community to reach out in solidarity and assist those in need elsewhere in the world. Monies raised by this collection go to help the Church in areas beyond our national borders. This collection raises funds for Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa and the Church in Latin America.

Please make checks to: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Envelopes will be available.

Jesus' Strong Whip at the Temple: What Can We Learn?

A reflection on the 3rd Sunday of Lent

Change is good, right? Without it, we would still be living in caves and dying there. We wouldn't have our modern medicine or good roads or our means of transportation or any of our modern conveniences. But, sometimes change isn't so good and that's why Jesus threw the money changers out of the Temple—out of His Father's house.

These people had changed the Temple—the “House of God” into a den of thieves through their shady dealings. Jesus didn't want these men to change the Temple into a place where people had to buy their way in, in order to pray. He wanted all people to be able to pray in the Temple without bribing someone to let them in.

The past is extremely important because it's a part of our heritage—a part of us. Without it, we wouldn't be who we are today—sort of like a ship without a rudder—just floating along waiting for the next thing to happen to us. So, it's great to remember the past and learn from it but it's not OK to live in the past.

Many of us old-timers remember those majestic Latin Masses and the Gregorian chants and Communion only on the tongue and nuns wearing those stately habits and long lines for Confession every Saturday afternoon. Nothing is wrong remembering these things with a warm nostalgia. What would be wrong is, if a Catholic tries to live those times again. We can't turn back the clock. We might wish it were so, but it just can't be done.

There's a song by Bruce Springsteen named “Glory Days”. It's very sad because it's about some people who come into a bar and all they do is talk about the past—how pretty they were, what a good athlete they were, how they were going to “be somebody” someday. But, somehow, all of the potential that they had, just turned into empty dreams.

Some of us, I think, tend to do the same thing, don't we? Whether it's growing old and having to go into a nursing home or being laid off at work or a divorce or a death of a loved one or whatever our situation is, we begin to feel diminished—less worthy. We try to relive our glory days.

It can't be done. We can remember these wonderful times as part of our past but we have to move on in life.

Jesus tells us that our true glory days are ahead of us. Those glory days are the ones that we'll be spending with Him eternally in heaven. Any glory here on Earth is only a shadow of what's to come.

We can't, like the money changers in the Temple, let earthly prestige or power rule our days. So, we can't fix our eyes on a dead past. We must fix them only on our living and loving Lord. And, the same goes with our Church. We can reminisce about the past, but we can't live there. Jesus has too much “good” for us in the future. In fact, the best is yet to come.

Another problem that we have when we want to live in the past is that we tend to be unable to accept Christ's forgiveness of our sins. For example, I have a friend who is a priest who ministers to a very devout order of nuns. He told me about one nun, in particular, who is closer to 90 than she is to 80, who still confesses a sin that she committed when she was 19 years old. Amazing!

The people who live in the past, still wallow in guilt; tormented by past offenses. They are constantly worried about going to hell and are unable to make peace with their human frailties. God certainly didn't die a horrible death on the cross for this! God's love persists through all our infidelities and weaknesses. So, don't fix your eyes on yesterday's sins. Fix them on today's forgiveness and tomorrow's hope.

On Ash Wednesday we heard the words “Repent and believe in the Gospel” as the ashes were being placed on our foreheads, Yes! “Turn away from sin and believe the Gospel—the Good News”.

Are we turning away from our past sins? Lent is a great time to do just that, isn't it? If you're still looking for something to give up—some sort of self-denial—give up living in the past. Let Jesus envelop you with His ever-present love—a love that is ever present because He can't ever take His eyes off of us. How great is that?!