

# Weekend of March 20, 2022

## 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).

### Viejias:

**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, 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, Marcie Cu  
*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.

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel

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

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



**April 14 – Holy Thursday, 6:30 PM, Barona – All reservations invited**

**April 15 – Good Friday Service, 3:00 PM, Barona – One service for all reservations.**

**April 16 – Holy Saturday – Barona**

**10:00 AM – rehearsal**

**8:00 PM – Easter Vigil Mass, Barona**

**April 17 – Easter Sunday – regular mass schedule**

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE – March 20.**

Your help is needed in Ukraine where there are already more than 2.9 million people in need of assistance! There is great risk of additional suffering both within Ukraine and for those who are fleeing to neighboring countries for safety. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and our partners need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs as the situation intensifies.

Years of conflict along the eastern border have already displaced 1.3 million people from their homes and claimed 14,000 lives and now 2 million people have fled Ukraine. Throughout this time, Caritas Ukraine, with support from CRS, has been providing emergency relief and recovery.

Envelopes will be located in the back of the church for this collection. Thank you for your generosity!

**Annual Lenten Collection, March 26-27, 2022** - Each year all parishes are asked to participate in the Annual Lenten Collection. The weekend of March 26-27 has been designated for the 2022 Annual Lenten Collection, which supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa and the Church in Latin America. We graciously ask you to respond generously to this worthwhile collection. Envelopes will be located in the back of the church. Thank you.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

(Jn 4:13-14)

Pause frequently throughout the day to offer prayers of praise to God in gratitude for His love and the many blessings He has bestowed upon you.



### The Patience of God Through His Love, Mercy, and Forgiveness

A reflection on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Jesus' parable of the barren fig tree challenged His listeners to consider what causes fruitfulness or barrenness in their lives. Fig trees were a common and important source of food for the Jews. Bad figs or a decaying fig tree was linked with evil deeds and spiritual decay. The unfruitful fig tree symbolized the outcome of Israel's unresponsiveness to the word of God. The prophets Joel, Habakkuk, and Jeremiah all depicted the languishing fig tree as signifying the desolation and calamity of Israel due to her unfaithfulness to God.

This parable of Jesus depicts the patience of God with us, but it also contains a warning that we should not presume upon it. God gives us time to get right with Him and to bear good fruit in our lives, but that time is now. We cannot assume that there is no hurry. A sudden life-threatening illness and unexpected death leaves us no time to settle our accounts when each of us must stand before the Lord on that Day of Judgment.

Jesus warns us for our own good so we will be always fruitful and ready to give our account to the Lord. Tolerating sinful habits and excusing unrepentant sin has clear consequences for our lives. They not only lead to spiritual barrenness but spiritual death as well.

The Lord in His mercy gives us grace and time to turn away from sin and from an attitude of worldliness that opposes God's will; but that time to turn away from sin is right now. If we delay, even for a day, we may discover that grace has passed us by, and our time is up.

In this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus is asking us to take a good look at ourselves and avail of that chance to "fertilize our tree and to see how it can be more fruitful" before it's too late. Aware that death may come anytime, and that for some of us, it may truly be their last year, their last Lent to reform their ways and return to God, we are all challenged by Jesus to grow continually in faith by being a truly loving person (loving God and loving all those around us) and not merely "survive personally" as a Christian (by just staying out of sin and refraining from doing good).

Lent is indeed that time of the year during which we can apply for God's assistance to bring us more and more to life. More life means more daily actions of being who we are and letting go of those habits and desires which lead to selfishness and insensitivity to the plight of the poor, the needy, and the suffering. We apply for this help through the sacraments, personal prayer, and allowing Lent to be the "joyful season" of our coming alive to being God's new creation again.



*A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it ...*

LUKE 13:6, NRSV