

Weekend of April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel



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

In order to feel the sanctity of the season's holiness it is best for us to observe prayerful silence and do a lot more of meditations especially of the sufferings of Christ on his way to Calvary to save us.

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, Anthony Pico, Dolly Albano, Mike Montes, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Abraham Pascual, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, 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, Midge Svien, 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

Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM, Barona.

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They said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” they said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, ‘Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.’ (Jn 8:1-11)

“... find things beautiful as much as you can, most people find too little beautiful.”

To Theo Van Gogh, London, January 1874

God continues to open a way for us. How is God doing something new in your life Perhaps God is inviting you to be priest or religious.

Divine Word Missionaries and



Not as we see but God sees.

**Be loving and compassionate to
people who have fallen
DO NOT JUDGE**

**A reflection on the 5th Sunday of Lent
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Many years back I heard a late Cardinal tell the following story: A man went to confession and somewhat nervously confessed that it was thirty years since his last confession. The irritated priest scolded him and asked him why he was away from the sacrament for so long. "Because" said the man, "the last time I went to confession, it was a priest like you!" the cardinal would conclude the story with the exhortation, "Be kind Father, and always be kind!"

What strikes us in our Gospel today is the total lack of compassion on the part of the scribes and the Pharisees who brought the woman to Jesus. Kindness does not exist. To them the woman is a mere instrument to be used in their plotting against Jesus. We are so curious to know what Jesus wrote. Some say maybe he wrote out the sins of the accusers of the woman.

But another possibility is that Jesus wrote nothing legible to it. It was simply a dramatic gesture which enabled him to deal with the situation on his terms. His challenge as to whom was sinless enough to dare to throw the first stone turned the whole situation around. Now the accusers were forced to look into their own inner selves rather than confront the woman. Clearly, they did not like what they saw. As they shamefacedly went away one by one, Jesus could now focus all his attention on the unfortunate woman.

Through the gentleness and compassion, she could feel like a real human being again. There was no need for long sermons, she was aware of the gravity of her sin. We can almost feel the joy in her heart as she walked away having experienced the overwhelming compassion of Jesus.

It is clear that Jesus in no way condoned the sin of the woman of our story. Neither are we expected to condone sin. In fact, there are times when we must denounce evil strongly, even at the cost of severe consequences for ourselves. But to do this with credibility we must examine our own motives and be aware of our own fragility.

We will also need to constantly ask God to help us to remain humble and compassionate. We should also be aware of the danger of our loud denunciation of the sins of others becoming a cover up for the same of worse evils that lie within us. This was the downfall of the Pharisees who were so confident in their denunciation of the woman they brought before Jesus. The Cardinal was right. There is need of accountability and judgment, but we should also never overlook the need for kindness and compassion.

