

Weekend of May 21 *The Ascension of the Lord*

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

Barona:

Mass: Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM. @ Shrine

Saturday: 5:00 PM mass

Sunday: Sunday 8:00 AM. @ church

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 12:30 noon @ the Church

Confessions: By appointment only

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Sue Kierig, Donna Berardi, Vicaldo Family, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Wendy Reyes, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Robert and Margie Cruz, Rick Lechner, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, Manny Ilagan, George Arviso, Ernie and Emy Lampa, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Juan Miguel, Bert Zita, AJ & Angela Samot, Deacon Gene Neral, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Romero Family, Annie McTavish, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Blanca Lechner
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Religious Education

Religious Education will begin in September 2023. Please contact Fr. Herman or Judy Oyos if you are interested in classes. Registration forms are available at church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**** MAY ****

Thursday, May 18 & 24 – May Crowning Practice for Barona, 5:00 p.m. at church

Saturday, May 27 – Pentecost Mass for All Peoples, SD Miramar College, 10 a.m.

Sunday, May 28 – 10:00 AM, May Crowning at Barona. May queen will be Daniela Osuna. One mass for all reservations.

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day

**** JUNE ****

Saturday, June 10 – Sycuan Mass and Grave Blessing, 11 AM

Blessing of Graduates

Eternal God,
in your will we find our purpose,
and in your wisdom, we find our joy.

Bless these graduates
who have completed a course of study
and now begin a new part of their lives.
Let them not be troubled about yesterday,
nor anxious about tomorrow,
but let them live fully this day which you have made.

Let them use the gifts they have received in their studies that they may become a source of inspiration and blessing for the world.
And when each day is ended, give them delight in knowing that the good work you have begun in them shall come to completion in you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Go and make disciples of all nations!” Our lives must proclaim the Truth that comes to us from Christ, embrace the call to be a witness of Christ to the ends of the world!
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PASTOR’S CORNER

“I am with you always until the end of the age”

A reflection on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

“Till we meet again,” “Bye,” “So long” ... there are many ways to say goodbye. However, you want to say it, it only gives the same message: that we shall part from one another sooner or later. Of course, we all know it--it is hurting to the human heart.

The Solemnity of the Ascension is looking at “goodbye” from Jesus’ angle. His goodbye takes a unique form—in fact he never used the word “goodbye”. His parting words were:

“And behold, I am with you always until the end of the age.” (Matt 28:20).

The Gospels contain many parables of a master who sets out on a long journey and gives his servants charge of his estate until his return. In the feast of the Ascension of the Jesus, parable becomes a reality. Jesus departs for His heavenly Father and leaves His disciples in charge of the affairs of His kingdom until His return in glory. Each of the Scriptural account of this event ends with a scene in which Jesus finally takes leave of His disciples.

These farewell scenes focus not on describing the event in detail but on the last words that Jesus leaves with His disciples. The message is phrased variously in the Acts of the Apostles and in the Gospels:

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8). “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Mt 28:19-20) “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: By using My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick-up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover. (Mk 16:15-18)

The mission is to bear witness to the Good News of Jesus to the ends of the earth, to go into all nations of the world and proclaim the Good News to all creation. The message of Jesus is meant to be Good News in the ears of all humankind irrespective of nationality or culture.

The spreading of the Good News to all nations is not a goal that can be attained by dint of human might and craft. That is why Jesus promises to empower His messengers from on high by His abiding presence and the Holy Spirit. The challenge of sharing the Good News with all humankind should, therefore, begin on our knees as we confess that we have fallen short of living the Gospel we preach and that we have not fully loved the way Christ did.