

# Weekend of May 29, 2022

## The Ascension of the Lord

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

**Sunday, June 5** – Society of Divine Word (SVD) collection. This annual collection helps the SVD serve their special ministries and charities, caring for retired and infirm, education for members and maintaining mission houses and institutions. Envelopes will be in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

**Saturday, June 11** – Sycuan, 11:00 – Mass and Grave Blessing

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR....**

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

*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*



Fr. Herman will be gone on vacation from 5/30- 6/13, he will return 6/14. Please contact Sandy Welch at 619-443-3412 (church office) or 619 – 249-3143 (cell) for any emergencies, she will get in touch with the emergency priests.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES  
(K-High School)**

**Barona, K-8th:** New classes will resume in September. Please contact church office if you would like to register. All classes are a two year program.

**Barona, High School:** Thursday, 3:00 p.m. (classroom under the club house) – classes are still open for enrollment.

Please contact Judy Oyos ([judy.otm@gmail.com](mailto:judy.otm@gmail.com)) for Adult classes or call the church office (619-443-3412).



CONGRATULATIONS to the following:

Rowen Hill, Isaiah Devers, and Caleb Boone on receiving their sacrament of First Communion.

We are currently looking for a Religious Education teacher for Sycuan. You must be a practicing Catholic and have received all of your sacraments. No prior experience is necessary, instruction will be offered. If

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

you are interested, please contact Fr. Herman Manuel or Judy Oyos.



Jesus promised his disciples that they would be clothed in power from God. As a follower of Jesus, you are also given that same promise. Pray for the grace to be a faithful witness.

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## **PASTOR'S DESK**

### **Jesus' Mission: From his Disciples to Us**

#### **A reflection on The Ascension of the Lord**

The Ascension is a profoundly missionary feast. First of all, it celebrates the universality of the significance of Jesus of Nazareth. The gospel of Jesus is a good news not only for its original hearers in the Mediterranean world, but also for people of other generations of the old covenant but to all peoples. The ascension seems to recall an episode in the public life of Jesus where he tells the crowds which wanted him to prevent from leaving. "To the other towns also I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent." (Lk 4:42-43).

For the risen Lord to be present, to other peoples and places, he needed to "return to the Father" and ascend to heaven." And he sends his disciples to preach his gospel to all nations and all creatures. For this reason, the ascension narratives" in the Synoptic gospels and the Acts of the Apostles all include a "mission mandate." The mission of the Church is therefore fundamentally linked with the universal significance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Secondly, as God's "first missionary," Jesus knew when to leave. His own "mission mandate" has now come to an end. Or perhaps better, his mission has now been fulfilled. The time has come for him to go and entrust God's mission to his disciples. He was

taking a risk in doing so to let him go. Their leader denied him and all abandoned him during his passion. Even until now, none of them doubted and others continued to misunderstand his message. But these were all he had; the ones given to him by the Father. Even then, God's mission had to be entrusted to them. Perhaps he could rely on their generosity and dedication. And so he promises to be with them until the end of time.

Thus, as Vatican II puts it, the church built on the disciples is missionary by its very nature, from the very start. It is constituted so that disciples can be seen out to preach the good news of Jesus. Mission is its very *raison d'être*, its reason for being. And to every member of the Church, every Christian, every disciple of Jesus is a missionary—sent by the risen Lord to witness to the Good News. We are not perfect. We are weak, imperfect and limited. But what the Lord asks of us is not great talents or outstanding abilities, but selfless generosity and unflagging dedication to the mission entrusted to us. After all, it is not our mission first and foremost but Got God's. And the risen Lord has promised that he will be with us until the end of time.

Fr. Tony Pernia, SVD  
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