

*Weekend of June 2  
The Most Holy Body and  
Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)*

**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....**

Vicaldo Family, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, George Arviso, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Romero Family, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Paolo Espiritu, John Clark, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Mark Noriega, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke, Colleen Crowden, Jeff Ashii, Pamela Nolan CSC, Rosario and Paul Estepa, Haley Price, Mark Marquez, Lulu Cabinatan, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Caroline Mendoza, Connie Devera, Don Speer, Meta Roubedeaux, Eileen Hansotte, Deacon Clarke

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

*Barona: Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.  
with Alyssa Parada*

*Sacramental Preparation with Mark Price are  
ongoing each Wednesday.*

*Viejas: 3:00 PM*

*Barona: 4:30 PM*

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel*

**JUNE**

**Saturday, June 8** – 11:00 a.m.,  
Sycuan Mass and Grave blessing

**Sunday, June 16** – Father's Day

**Thursday, June 20** – 5:00 p.m.,  
90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Barona mission  
meeting at church office

**Saturday, June 29** – 11:00 a.m.,  
Viejas Mass and Grave blessing



Let us pray for the willingness to make present in our world the love of Christ shown to us in the Eucharist, Lord Jesus Christ, we worship you living among us in the sacrament of your body and blood.

May we offer our Father in heaven a solemn pledge of undivided love.

May we offer to our brothers and sisters a life poured out in loving service of that kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

### **The REAL PRESENCE: JESUS in the BLESSED SACRAMENT A reflection on the Most Precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

We celebrate today the Solemnity of the Most Precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, popularly known as “Corpus Christi Day.” In this Holy Mass we should thank God in a special way for having remained with us in the Most Holy Sacrament. The great theologians of history were not the ones who decided to celebrate this day. The idea arose spontaneously through popular demand. It was in the Thirteenth Century that Pope Urban IV officially instituted this great solemnity in the universal Catholic Church.

Since the beginning of the Church, common people have shown their faith in the real presence of Christ. From this faith sprang the devotion to the Holy Eucharist not only in Mass but also outside of Mass. Our Christian ancestors always believed that the Lord God was present in the tabernacle and we should do the same. Christ is there. And it is there that our adoration and love should be directed. There are people who say, “Why should we celebrate the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist? Because Christ is present everywhere?” Well, yes, Christ is present in all places. We see his presence in nature and it is reflected in honest and true human relationships and, in a special way, he is present in the Catholic Church that he founded. Anywhere in the world that the Church prays, teaches, preaches or does charitable work, the presence of the Lord is indisputable. But, since that first Holy Thursday, or his Last Supper with his apostles, when Jesus took the bread and said, “this is my

body,” and he took the cup and said, “this is my blood,” the Lord has been truly present, God and man, wholly and entirely, in the Holy Eucharist. Since then, when the Holy Mass is celebrated, the bread and the wine are transformed, by the work of the Holy Spirit, into the Body and Blood of Our Lord. This is a dogma of faith and anyone who does not believe this is either not Catholic or is Catholic by name only.

Our readings at Mass this Sunday help us to understand a little bit about the great mystery that we are celebrating. But we cannot discern with our eyes the radical transformation that occurs when the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of the Lord. The presence of God under the appearance of bread and wine can only be perceived through faith. Unfortunately, the devotion and respect that we, as Catholics, should have for the Holy Eucharist has notably diminished over the last few decades. It is said that here, in this country, more than 50% of those who call themselves “Catholic” do not believe that during the Holy Mass the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of the Lord. And they do not believe that Jesus is present in the tabernacle. This is the true origin of the crisis of faith that exists in this country and, unfortunately, in the rest of the world. The Church, on various occasions, has tried to highlight the importance of showing in various ways the reverence we should have for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist: benediction with the Holy Eucharist, processions, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, the genuflections that we should be making when we pass before the tabernacle, and the reverence that we should show when the tabernacle is opened. In all of these ways we show our faith and adoration.

Today, on this Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, we come together at Mass

as a community in the presence of our heavenly Father. As we celebrate the sacrifice and the victory of Our Lord Jesus Christ, let us give this great day its true meaning. May our attitude when we receive the Holy Eucharist today and always show that we really believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord.