

Weekend of June 9
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, June 16 – Father’s Day

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

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

Sat., June 29 & Sun., June 30 –
Peter’s Pence Collection. This
collection supports the Universal
Church and the work of the Holy See,
including helping Pope Francis to
carry out his charitable works.



Heavenly Father,

Surround those who are graduating with
your grace.

Bless them with hope so that they move into
the future with eager and open hearts.

Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and
insights gained through their education to
use for the good of all humankind.

Inspire them to believe in the goodness of
life even when faced with challenges and
difficulties.

As they commence with their lives, may
they grown ever more grateful and wise.

All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen.

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Power of God Over Evil A reflection on the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we feel the summer heat already, we also see a change of color from the white to the green color of the altar and the vestment of the priest. Yes, today marks the first time the Church will celebrate a Sunday of "ordinary time" since February 11th, almost four months ago. In the meantime, of course, we have observed the seasons of Lent and Easter, and then at the conclusion of the Easter season we celebrated three other great feasts on Sundays: Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi.

Following these celebrations, the Church now settles into the long ecclesial summertime that leads us back to the beginning of the next liturgical year, which begins this year on December 1st, the first Sunday of Advent. While it may seem as though the first reading today from Genesis is therefore a natural place to start our post-Easter reflections—beginning at the beginning—it is actually a coincidence, since the Old Testament readings for ordinary time cover a wide range of topics and historical eras before we hear from Genesis on this tenth Sunday of the season. The focus of the Church is much more intent and systematic on the gospel, and that brings us to the third chapter of Mark where Jesus has been preaching the Kingdom, healing many who were sick, and casting out demons.

Jesus has been exercising his ministry in the region around his home base of Capernaum, along the Sea of Galilee. Just as he relaxes briefly in the home he used another large crowd arrived including scribes from Jerusalem who assert: "*He is*

possessed by Beelzebul," and "*By the prince of demons he drives out demons*" (Mark 3:22). These charges sound grasping and even jealous: his enemies are themselves so amazed by what Jesus has been doing that they cannot possibly deny his power; they are reduced, rather, to claiming that his power has a sinister origin. This refusal to see the hand of God at work in Jesus is the fatal mistake that will lead to their condemnation, and that will be the factor determining whether generations of people even to the present day find salvation or condemnation in him.

Jesus himself explains this immediately after he is accused of being in league with evil: he asks rhetorically, "*How can Satan drive out Satan?...if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him*" (Mark 3:23, 26). In other words, anyone should be able to see that those who act against evil cannot be in alliance with evil at the same time—thus the scribes' accusation that Jesus was casting out demons by the prince of demons was ridiculous.

Seeing how his actions were badly misinterpreted by his enemies, Jesus emphasizes what it takes to be his true and faithful disciple: those who attribute his teaching and power to unclean sources have closed themselves off forever from his goodness, but those who hear his word and keep it, even if their efforts are imperfect, are the ones who find in him life, forgiveness, renewal, and redemption. As the Lord himself taught so forcefully: "*looking around at those seated in the circle he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother'*" (Mark 3:34-35).

As we forge into the summertime of the Church year let it be our resolve to turn away from the pattern of sin forecast in Genesis and exemplified by the scribes in

the gospel, so that with all God's holy people we might be numbered among the sisters and brothers of the Lord, saying always with the Psalmist: *"With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption"* (Ps 130:7).