

**Weekend of June 25**  
*Twelfth 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).

**Viejias:**

**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.

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

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**Tuesday, July 4** – Independence Day

**Saturday, July 8** – 12:00 p.m. Los Conejos  
Mass and Grave Blessing

**Sunday, July 16** – 10:00 a.m. St. Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Day, Sycuan – one mass for all reservations.

**WE NEED YOU!**

August 2024 we will be celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Barona mission church. We would like any ideas/suggestions you may have for the special mass that will commemorate this time. You can email them to [bktparish@aol.com](mailto:bktparish@aol.com) or let Father Herman or Sandy know. Stay tuned for the date of the first committee meeting.

“Courage is needed to speak God’s word. Let no one intimidate you, God gives you the power to speak the truth.”

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

### **I Fear Nothing: “It is Christ who lives in me.”**

**A reflection on the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

“Fear not!” it was the much loved Pope Saint John Paul II who made some kind of a slogan out of this statement of Christ. Come to think of it, how often has our Lord uttered this in the gospel? A book, *Concordance* lists thirteen gospel passages where Jesus mentions “Fear not!”

We are normally afraid -- oftentimes of the wrong things. Because a student is afraid of failing, he cheats in a test. A taxpayer for fear of paying more taxes tries not to declare all his assets to the IRS (Internal Revenue Service). Anxious to acquire a job, we do not mind lying. We refer to do good even as we do evil. In other words, as Christ says in today's gospel, we are so afraid of what will harm the body that we allow us to kill our soul. The result, as far as our country goes, is a proliferation of a culture of corruption and the degeneration of our social fiber. And for all their moral weakness, we have our favorite whipping boy—either the government or rebellion.

How easy it is to lie: all we need to do is change a word or two. This is, for instance the infamous “addition-subtraction” in spreading rumors. Who will know that I was the one who did it when I already told them that I didn't? Lying is about the easiest thing to do, and nobody will ever know the truth. It's all a matter of words—saying or not

saying them, and who'll know the difference?

But the Lord has two warnings to give: First: “Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will be known...” Are we naïve to think that anything can be a secret forever? Second: “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul, rather be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna (hell).” Even, if granted I was able to hide an evil deed, justice will nevertheless catch up with me in the next life. That's like the Oriental *Karma*, according to which I cannot run away from the appropriate reward or forever, since the wheel of righteousness is turning and I will get my just share in due time, here, or hereafter. Then in Gehenna (as our Gospel text calls it), it is not only our body but also our soul which will be utterly destroyed. No, that's not good at all; it is better for me to be battered painfully in life than already lose my soul even as my body still lives.

Everything makes a difference if one truly believes in God, believes in him not only with one's lips but with one's whole heart, mind and soul. Don't we very often hear it said, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom?” This, then is the one fear that counts: fear of the Lord. To fear the Lord is to surrender completely to him and make oneself resigned to his will. What does this mean? There is something explosive in this. There is here, in fact a mystical experience in which, like Paul, I might already say, “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” And when that happens everything becomes possible and I have reached the threshold beyond fear. For with God everything is possible. And so, with God in

me and with me wholly absorbed in him, I shall understand what he often says in the gospels: "Fear not!" Yes indeed, there is nothing to fear.