

## Weekend of July 2

### *Thirteenth 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....**

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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**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.



#### **Independence Day Prayer**

God, source of all freedom,  
This day is bright with the memory  
Of those who declared that life and liberty are  
your gift to every human being.  
Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.  
Make our vision clear and our will strong:  
That only in human solidarity will we find  
liberty,  
And justice only in the honor that belongs to  
every life on earth.  
Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:  
To understand the ways of others, to offer  
friendship,  
And to find safety only in the common good  
of all.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### **“Don't Grow Tired Doing Good.”**

#### **A reflection on the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

One night, a stormy rain stranded a newlywed couple on a remote country road. Unable to go any farther, they got out of their car and walked towards a dimly lit farmhouse.

When they reached the house, an elderly couple, carrying a kerosene lamp, met them at the door. Explaining their predicament, the young man asked: “Could we spend the night with you? A place on the floor or a few chairs will do.”

Seeing their condition, the elderly woman said, “Why surely, children. We just happen to have a spare bedroom.”

The next morning the newlyweds got up early and prepared to leave without disturbing the elderly couple.

They dressed quietly, put a \$300.00 on the dresser, and tiptoed down the stairs. When they opened the door to the living room, they found the old couple asleep in the chairs. They'd given the newlyweds their only bedroom. **AD**

This heartwarming story is a modern illustration of Jesus' teaching in this Sunday gospel about welcoming people into their houses.

To be hospitable is obviously not easy. It can demand a lot of time and inconvenience, not to mention financial resources and visitors with questionable motives. But hospitality is part of Christian charity which the Lord highlight in today's Gospel of 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Expect nothing in return. We should be careful that we do not perform acts of kindness and hospitality to people because of their high position in society or that we want something in return. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus makes it clear. “If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Do good, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High” (Lk 6:32).

I have a little project of helping the indigent sick. One time a lady dressed poorly approached me appealing for financial help for her young child who was critically sick at a hospital. Weeping and sighing, she said she needed financial assistance desperately. I was so moved by her plight that I gave her a generous amount. I felt good for the gesture. However, I was very sad when a neighbor of our parish said, “Father, that woman you helped told people the same story but that's all false. There's no dying child in the hospital. She's a con artist.” Consoling myself, I said jokingly: “If she was just play acting, let my donation serve as a ‘talent fee.’”

Anyway, the message is: Continue to do good works even if you are cheated. As someone said, “It's better to give something for the needy even when you're cheated unknowingly rather than not to give at all.”

Rewards for good deed. It is noteworthy that every good work that's done will be rewarded. In the first reading this Sunday, an elderly couple took into their home the prophet Elisha and moved by their hospitality, they were rewarded with the birth of a baby son—despite the wife being barren.

Jesus Himself declares in the gospel: “I promise you, whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these lowly ones will certainly receive a reward.”

St. Paul for his part wrote: “Don't grow tired in doing good; for in due time you will receive your reward” (Galatians 6:9-10).

*Fr. Bel San Luis, SVD*

