

Weekend of July 4th

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Independence Day

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).

Viejias:

Sunday: Sunday, 10:30 AM. @ Church

Confessions: By appointment only.

Sycuan:

Sunday: Sunday Mass 12:00 noon @ the Church

Confessions: By appointment only



Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony Pico, Dolly Albano, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Agnes Ruiz, Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Debbie Gonzalez, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Eugene "Gino" Vicaldo, Skylar Rosas, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Jan Jacobs, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Cameron Welch

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.



Your mind will always believe
everything you tell it. Feed it faith.
Feed it truth. Feed it with love.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel

Saturday, July 10 –Conejos Grave Blessing,
12:00 p.m. Conejos

Sunday, July 11 – Feast Day of St. Kateri
Tekakwitha – Special mass at each reservation

SPECIAL MASS for **Tekakwitha Conference**

Please join us on
Friday, July 23 at 4:00 PM,
Barona

**Mass in honor of St. Kateri
Tekakwitha which will be
broadcast as part of the
National Tekakwitha
Conference to Native
Americans in our country
and Indigenous people all**

Prayer for Independence Day

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

**What can we learn from Ezekiel,
Paul, and Jesus?**

**A reflection on the 14th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

The Gospel Reading today tells us how Jesus went to his hometown with his disciples. He preached in the synagogue and the people there, in surprise, asked themselves, “Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him?” This peevish grumbling in Jesus own hometown confirms for us that many have experienced personally, that a prophet is only disrespected in his own land. Many of us know that someone who has been successful in whatever enterprise is sometimes surprised and hurt to see the negative reaction that comes from some of the members of his or her own family or some of his or her friends. This is, for the person involved, very difficult to overcome. That same reaction was shown towards Jesus by many of the inhabitants of Nazareth. Christ himself was surprised by the lack of faith of his compatriots. He even said, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place, and among his own kin and in his own house.”

Jesus experienced failures and disappointments, just as we do, but he did not let that overcome him. He continued, with integrity, teaching and performing miracles, even though he could not do so in Nazareth. When the Lord preached, he always stated clearly and without hesitating what he expected from each person who was willing to listen to him. We Christians say that we follow Christ faithfully and that we are willing to follow his teachings loyally. But oftentimes we can see that when a deacon, priest, bishop, or the Holy Father preach or teach something about the great moral themes, protests are immediately raised. And this is just what our Lord had to live through when he did or taught things that people did not want to hear or that made them feel uncomfortable.

Saint Mark and the other evangelists do not try to cover up the occasional failures that Jesus had during his public life. Not everyone accepted Christ’s preaching. Some who listened did not believe. Even when they saw his works and his miracles there were many who did not want to believe. This was the reason that the Lord could not work any miracles in Nazareth. Despite the poor welcome and the disappointment that he felt, Jesus continued to go from town-to-town teaching. The Church does the same thing. Following the example of the Lord she preaches, evangelizes, and teaches. This is the

prophetic mission of the Church, and it is her most important work. Nevertheless, it is the most difficult of the tasks that the Lord has given to his Church. Because even though society may not agree with what is taught, even if people stop coming to church because what is being preached is not what they want to hear, the Church must continue to teach valiantly what Christ himself entrusted to her.

And the prophet Ezekiel was in the same predicament. He was given the task of preaching to the people of Israel just when they had rebelled against God. It was a difficult undertaking because these people had become rebellious, hard of face and obstinate of heart. To Ezekiel was given the mission of communicating the word of God without changing it or softening it. That is what he did, even though people did not want to listen.

In the Second Reading, Saint Paul tells the Corinthians that despite the insults, the privations, and the persecutions that he has suffered for preaching the Word of God he has to continue doing so, he must continue proclaiming and glorifying the Lord. He shows his profound humility to the Corinthians when he says to them, “that I, Paul, might not become too elated... a thorn in the flesh was given to me...” We do not know exactly what Saint Paul meant when he said this. Perhaps it was an illness, or it could have been temptations that beset him. We do know that when he asked the Lord to relieve him of this affliction the response was, “my grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”

We suffer from the same weaknesses that Paul had at one time or another in our lives. Our Lord knows that we are weak, that we feel misunderstood when we talk about our faith or about God. We even sometimes feel misunderstood by members of our own family and by our friends. But, despite this, we should follow the example of the prophet Ezekiel, who continued to preach, even when no one wanted to listen to him.