

*Weekend of July 10, 2022*  
*Fifteenth Sunday in*  
*Ordinary Time*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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).  
**Viejas:**  
**Sunday:** Sunday, 10:30 AM. @ Church  
**Confessions:** By appointment only.  
**Sycuan:**  
**Sunday:** Sunday Mass 12:30 noon @ the Church  
**Confessions:** By appointment only

**Sunday, July 10 - 10:00 a.m. Mass at Sycuan - St. Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Day**, lunch to follow at the Sycuan rec. – All reservations are invited.



We are called to love with our whole being. God is inviting you to love through ministry to the Church. Pray for generosity to serve God’s people.

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**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

May Christ banish from the souls of men and women whatever might endanger peace.  
May we transform all people into witnesses of truth, justice and love.

May Christ illumine with his light the minds of rulers, so that, besides caring for the proper material welfare of their peoples, they may also guarantee them the fairest gift of peace.

Finally, may Christ inflame the desires of all people to break through the barriers which divide them, to strengthen the bonds of mutual love, to learn to understand one another, and to pardon those who have done them wrong.

Through Christ’s power and inspiration may all people welcome each other to their hearts as brothers and sisters, and may the peace they long for ever flower and ever reign among them.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR....**

Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, Donna Berardi, Billy, Penny and Daniel Vicaldo, Anthony Pico, Dolly Albano, Mike Montes, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Abraham Pascual, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Louck, David Ramos, Felix Chiu, Edna De La Cruz Yusi, Marlon Amaranto, Sam Halabo, Anita Uqualla, Bobby Curo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Billy Brown, Margie Cruz, Gina Curo, Rick Lechner  
*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (K-High School)**

**Barona, K-8th:** New classes will resume in September. Please contact church office if you would like to register. All classes are a two year program.

**Barona, High School:** Thursday, 3:00 p.m. (classroom under the club house) – classes will resume in September.

**Please contact Judy Oyos ([judy.otm@gmail.com](mailto:judy.otm@gmail.com)) for Adult classes or for more information regarding classes.**

-Pope John XXIII, Pacem in Terris

# **PASTOR'S DESK**

## **Who Is My Neighbor?**

**A reflection on the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 10, 2022**

How timely our Gospel reading is today on the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time as we celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Throughout her life, St. Kateri provided us an example of how vital personal relationship with God and neighbor is for everyone. St. Kateri was a very prayerful person spending most of her time kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament of a cold chapel for hours. She was praying for all kinds of people whether her family, relatives, friends, or enemies. Many miracles were attributed to her being a good intercessor.

In today's gospel we hear the young scholar of the law ask this question to Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" We may look at this question in a negative way, maybe the young scholar is asking the question to justify himself or maybe so as not to be "topped" or exposed by Jesus. He could be asking the question in search of a real meaningful answer.

The story of the Samaritan might have had upset every person who heard Jesus speaking that day. To the Jews, there really wasn't anyone any lower in stature or more hated than a Samaritan.

Truly, we look at the priest and the Levite in the story as persons with less than acceptable attitudes – for they just passed by the wounded man and did nothing to him at all. But take note that Jesus neither did mention them nor did make any judgment to them. We recall that on their way to the temple to worship, both the priest and the Levite believed the man to be dead, and hence, they wouldn't touch him because they have their own specific reasons. Under Jewish Law, a body of a dead person cannot be touched otherwise he would undergo a purification rite. On the other hand, if the priest were scheduled to be a part of the service, he would miss an opportunity if he were to help the man--the ONLY opportunity of his lifetime, he wouldn't risk losing out and that's an understandable situation. Going further on Jesus' story, someone does stop – gives comfort and aid, some very generous aid – and that person is of all persons, a Samaritan who is so much hated among the Jews during Jesus' time. So, naturally, this is how

Jesus is upsetting all of those who were listening to his story that day. Moreover, to a Jew, a Samaritan is a vile, undeserving person of the lowest race. In effect ... this is a RACIAL ISSUE – Jesus gave recognition and high remarks to someone, a Samaritan considered as an outcast/enemy of their society who gave a selfless act, his love and care and compassion to a helpless and needy person. Notice how the scholar of the law replied when Jesus asked, "Who is my neighbor" or "Who is neighbor to the victim?" The scholar of the law's reply was, "the one who treated him with mercy". He can't say "the Samaritan" instead, he said "the one who treated him with mercy." That was how deep rooted their racial prejudice was to the Samaritans at that time.

Kateri Tekakwitha lived in tumultuous times of warring alignments between various tribes and colonists. She fought to remain holy amidst a secular society. She emerged as one dedicated to love of neighbor through works of mercy and committed to her divine spouse by a vow of perpetual virginity, "I have deliberated enough. For a long time, my decision on what I will do has been made. I have consecrated myself entirely to Jesus, son of Mary, I have chosen Him for husband, and He alone will take me for wife."

Indeed, few of us can claim to have struggles anywhere near what she experienced. But the love that captivated and consoled her is the love tugging at our hearts at every moment, regardless of if we are aware of it. Her words are worthy of being a repeated affirmation on the lips of all single men and women. Again, "I am not my own; I have given myself to Jesus. He must be my only love."

So, just like St. Kateri who put Jesus in her heart every day of her life, we follow her example so that we'll treat each person equally including our enemies and those who annoy us with love and compassion.

**Happy Feast Day!**

