

# Weekend of July 18

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 12:00 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, Irmira Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Jan Jacobs, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Cameron Welch, Delia Villa  
*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*



We extend our condolences to those who have passed away in our parish community. We give our deepest sympathies to the family for the loss of Marcel "Mushy" Osuna. We continue to hold them in our prayers and in our thoughts.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**Wednesday, July 21 at 10:00 AM** – A Meeting for Tekakwitha Conference mass on 7/23/21 to tie up loose ends. This should be a short meeting just to make sure we have good coordination, execution and participation. The meeting will be held in Brother Ed's office. If you would like to participate by zoom, please give Brother Ed your email.

### **SPECIAL MASS for Tekakwitha Conference**

Please join us on

**Friday, July 23** at 4:00 PM at Barona Shrine. 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 around the world. Dinner to follow in clubhouse.



**Sunday, August 1** - Special mass for our beloved musician, Romer Fajota. Details to follow.

**Sunday, August 15** – 8:00 AM, Barona, Mass in honor of the Feast Day of the Mission. Followed by coffee and donuts.

### **Traditional Meal Prayer**

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**PASTOR'S DESK**

## **The Shepherds in Us: Being Leaders of our Community**

A reflection on the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
In our Gospel Reading, Mark shows us how Jesus was concerned about the wellbeing of his apostles. Remember that the Lord had sent them out two by two to preach throughout the towns of Galilee. After they returned, he saw that they were tired. When he saw their fatigue, he decided to take them to a peaceful place to rest, and so he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” But this did not happen. The plans that the Lord had made for himself, and his apostles did not come to pass because there were so many people coming and going that it was impossible for them to rest. They did not even have a chance to eat. So, Jesus decided to go off in a boat with his apostles to a more deserted place. But that did not occur either because the people arrived at the place before they did. What did this multitude of people see in Jesus to make them follow him in this way? What happened to them is what is still happening to people today. Vast crowds of people wander around like sheep without a shepherd. The people who followed the Lord saw in him the Good Shepherd who knows how to take care of his sheep. Jesus is also our Good Shepherd to whom we can go to tell our sorrows and our problems. And he will take care of us as he took care of his apostles.

The Lord chose the apostles so that when he was no longer physically among them, they could be the shepherds of the Church. Later, over the years, they named their successors. The Church has continued to name shepherds of the fold, successors of the apostles. With sadness we must recognize that the behavior of some bad shepherds has harmed the fold that is the Church. But we should not limit ourselves to speaking always about those bad shepherds, criticizing the Church, and generalizing about the conduct of all our shepherds. The ones who have not been good shepherds will have to answer to God for having offended him and for having taken advantage of his confidence in them. Sometimes we hear people who say,

“If the priest has done things like that, why am I still in the Church?” But if we use this as a reason for distancing ourselves from the Good Shepherd and the Church, we will be the ones who will have to answer to God. And we will also have to answer to God if we do not defend, valiantly, our good pastors and our Church.

We have heard what the prophet Jeremiah said in the First Reading, “Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture!” Let us not generalize, blaming the good shepherds for what the bad ones do. We should also realize that the ministers in Church are not the only shepherds. Before we judge others, let us ask ourselves, do I think about the responsibility that I have, as a Christian, to lead others as God asks me? We all have people who follow us, who watch what we do and who we should lead responsibly. We are all shepherds, and we all have flocks to take care of. Our apostolate should be to bring people closer to God. Parents who should be leading your children, are you guiding them well or are you allowing them to take the wrong paths? And married couples, are you, through your example, trying to bring your husband or wife closer to God? How do I act as a parishioner? Do I give a good example in words and deeds as God asks me to do?

Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd, and he asks us to be good shepherds also, to take care of our flocks and spread his teachings. Are we ready to carry on our responsibilities?