

# Weekend of July 19, 2020

## Fifteenth 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. @ Shrine

**Confessions:** By appointment only.

### **Sucuan:**

**Sunday:** No Sunday Mass until further notice

**Confessions:** By appointment only



Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony and Diana Pico, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Helen Cadiente, Berniece Marrujo, 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, Anthony Harut Haurutuynian, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Eugene "Gino" Vicaldo, Skylar Rosas, Richard Padua

*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

# ATTENTION!

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St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish  
1054 Barona Road, Lakeside, CA 92040

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PARTICIPATE IN MASS

by livestreaming with Fr. Herman

***Please note weekday Mass time change***

Weekdays, Tues-Friday at 8:00 AM,

Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel

## **New Mass Schedule due to the covid-19 guidelines**

***Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM Barona @ the shrine***

***Sunday 8:00AM Barona @ the Shrine***

***Sunday 10:30 AM Viejas @ the shrine***

***Sucuan-No mass until further notice***

## ***Blessing Honoring the Homebound***

Lord, our God,

you have given these your faithful

the grace to maintain their hope in you through all life's changes

and to taste and see your goodness.

We bless you for the gifts you have showered on them.

We ask that they may find joy in a renewed strength of spirit,

that they may have good health,

and that they may inspire us by the example of their serene way of life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ***Teach Us to Pray***

### **Praying for the Gift of Courage**

**Fr. James Martin**

Many people have told me they feel guilty for asking for help in prayer. They think it's selfish or somehow inappropriate. But even the Our Father, which Jesus taught his disciples, is largely a prayer of petition, asking for our "daily bread" and the ability to resist temptation.

One of the most important things to ask for in prayer is courage, one of the traditional "gifts of the Holy Spirit." Sometimes this gift is called "fortitude," which is courage specifically during times of pain or struggle.

Not long ago, I was diagnosed with a small benign tumor that would require some surgery, a few weeks of recovery, and then some follow-up radiation. Yes, even some benign tumors require this treatment. Every day during the six weeks

of radiation I placed myself in the hands of God and asked for courage. (For the record, I also called upon the help of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette Soubirous, to whom I turn in illness.) And I'm happy to say I received that gift and was able to move through the surgery, recovery, and radiation in relative peace.

How God answers our prayers is a mystery. For example, I would have preferred no tumor and no radiation at all! But in my experience courage is something that God always gives, and I encourage you to ask for this gift, by name, the next time you are fearful, struggling, or worried.

*James Martin is a Jesuit priest, editor at large of America magazine, and author of many books.*



## **What are the Weeds in our Life?**

In American Society today, there is a temptation to intolerance. This means we are unwilling to accept views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from our own. This is made visible through various forms of media such as racial hatred, political violence, pornography and religious bigotry.

The temptation to intolerance is found in our readings today on the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; especially one of the readings told by Jesus in Matthew's gospel. An enemy plants some weeds in the wheat fields of a man. The wheat and the weeds grow up together.

So what does one need to do? The most obvious suggestion is made to the landowner: "go out and pull them up." Yes, the number one thing to do is just simply to remove them. Get those weeds out of the field. The weeds are ruining the wheat. After all, weeds have the right to grow too.

If this is not done quickly, the evil weeds will grow and scatter. Moreover, if the landowner doesn't get rid of those weeds, the enemy will think that the landowner is soft on weeds and that the wheat will be vulnerable to other attacks. This situation calls for immediate and drastic action.

Jesus advises us in another way and that is, the way to patience and hope. This may be a challenge but it is the most God-like way of living in the world. Jesus though is not interested in immediate results or the quick fix. There is great wisdom to time or the ability to patiently wait and hope.

This is never easy. For to wait and hope often make others passive, laid back or not having responsibility.

On the other hand, putting this into action without having a set of goals and reasons may be a problem rather than a solution. Terrorists seldom ask the moral implications of their motives and actions. The technician in the biology lab making new life forms may not be troubled by ethical and moral concerns. This dilemma is what we now face in the U.S. which is known as the "stem cell research". The Church tells us that this is immoral but many get into the business not caring about its moral implications.

We need to name the weeds of our lives in this generation. The weeds of abortion, pornography on the internet and even in most Hollywood movies right now which are violent, the songs our young people hear, the drugs and the alcohol that weaken our moral resolve are all "weeds" that will choke out the "wheat". The weeds of terrorism and Communistic ideals which are happening right now taking the lives of innocent men and women should be condemned. These are weeds that cannot grow with the wheat of our faith because they will choke us to death.

On the other hand, there are people that may be different from us but have the same rights as we do. Color of skin, nationality, a difference of opinion are not weeds that we can try to uproot. Some categories of weeds may be eliminated but there are those that differ from us but are also important. Jesus says "difference alone" is not the cause to separate ourselves from each other.

We must follow the example of the landlord in the parable. Jesus asks that we make honest judgments. The landlord recommends caution and patience. At times, patience and understanding are first needed before making rash judgments. The responsorial psalm says it beautifully, "Lord, you are good and forgiving."

Unfortunately, our society challenges us to make judgments that are difficult. On the one hand, Jesus reminds us that we get rid of the "weeds" of our modern society. On the other hand, Jesus also reminds us that we must be patient and discerning to those what are really God-like and thereafter have the

courage to eliminate the “weeds” of sin. In some instances, it may just be better to let the weeds and the wheat grow side by side with each other until the “harvest” so that through love and understanding, we are given the chance to accomplish our goals.