

Weekend of August 9

Nineteenth 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....

Michele Nikas Beaman, John Nikas, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Margie Cruz, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, Rose Ramos, Lilly Gautreaux, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Paolo Espiritu, Tyre Nichols, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Carol Richardson, Jeff Ashii, Rosario and Paul Estepa, Haley Price, Mark Marquez, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Rudy Duerro, Don Speer, Eileen Hansotte, DJ LaChappa, Michael McKnight, Lulu Cabinatan, Donald Lee, Gabriel Marquez, Sr., Joseph Kardian, Bear Cuero, Frances Banegas, Diane Robetkey, Ed Sloan, Flora Keldani and Gene Cortez, Paul Castello, Robert Kuhl, Joyce Rottenberg, Johnny Valencic, Kelly Bonde, Lucinda Thompson, Eva Walters, Spud Brown, Edna Gomez, Vera Tucker, Jack Ramirez, Rudy Duero, John Holsbo, Yanni Aquino, Cynthia Dominguez, Dr. Gerry Directo, Baby Selene Vasquez, Paul Darby, Clifford LaChappa,

Marcie Cu, Anthony Pico, Nancy Rourke

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

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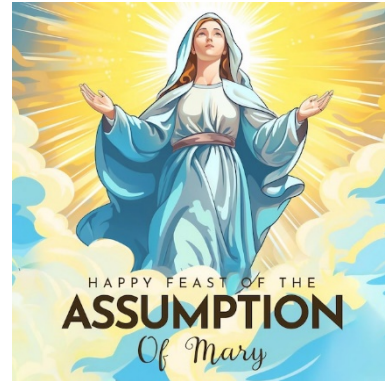
*Fall classes will start the **week of September 7th**, please reach out to Judy Robinson or the church office (619-443-3412) for more information and registration papers.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

AUGUST

Saturday, August 15 – Assumption for the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation), Barona Feast Day – 5:00 PM mass



Sacrament Requirements

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN 7 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER (RCIA):

Requirements: Children must be enrolled in the appropriate grade level of the parish religious education program for two years. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics, according to Church regulations.

Additional Information: Parents and children should be attending Mass regularly. Children will receive Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion at the Easter Vigil. Parents, godparents, and the children must attend all rites and ceremonies leading up to the reception of these sacraments. Only one godparent, of the same gender as the child, is required.

PASTOR'S CORNER

"Take Courage. It Is I. Do Not Be Afraid"

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Fear is one of the most powerful emotions we experience. We fear illness, uncertainty, the future, financial burdens, broken relationships, and the loss of those we love. At times, it can feel as though we are in a small boat being tossed about by waves far stronger than ourselves.

The Gospel this Sunday reminds us that even the Apostles experienced fear. While they struggled against the wind in the middle of the sea, Jesus came to them walking on the water. At first, they did not recognize him. They thought He was a ghost. But then Jesus spoke the words that every human heart long to hear: "Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid."

Peter, filled with faith, stepped out of the boat and began walking toward Jesus. But when he focused more on the wind than on the Lord, he began to sink. Isn't that often our story? When we keep our eyes fixed on Christ, we discover strength we never knew we had. But when we allow fear, anxiety, or discouragement to become our focus, we begin to lose hope.

The beautiful truth is that Jesus did not scold Peter for sinking. He immediately reached out his hand and lifted him up. That is the heart of our Savior. He never abandons us when we struggle. He reaches out to us with mercy, patience, and love.

As members of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, many of us know what it means to weather life's storms. Our Native communities have endured hardships through generations, yet our faith has remained strong because we have learned to trust the Creator even when the path ahead was unclear. Like our ancestors who looked to the land, the mountains, and the sky with hope, we are invited to look to Christ, who is always present in the midst of every storm.

Whatever burdens you carry today, remember that Jesus is already in the storm with you. His presence does not always calm the waves immediately, but it always calms the heart that trusts in him.

May we hear his voice anew this week: "Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid."

Yours in the Divine Word,

Fr. Herman Manuel, SVD

PRAYER

**Lord Jesus,
when the storms of life make us afraid,
help us to keep our eyes fixed on you.
Strengthen our faith, calm our anxious hearts,
and remind us that you are always near.
Give us the courage to trust
in your loving presence each day,
and lead us safely to the peace
that only you can give. Amen.**