

Weekend of August 9, 2020

Nineteenth 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.

Sycuan:

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, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Crispin Echiverri, Elvira Hapin
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

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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

Sycuan-No mass until further notice

Sunday, August 16th – 8:00 AM, Barona – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Blessing of a Sick Person

Lord and Father, almighty and eternal God,

By your blessing you give us strength and support in our frailty:

turn with kindness toward your servant.

Free him/her from all illness and restore

him/her to health, so that in the sure knowledge of your goodness he/she will

gratefully bless your holy name. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

I believe miracles are on the way. Today, tomorrow, every day.



“LORD, SAVE ME”

A reflection on the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever been approached by someone on the street and asked you: “Have you been saved?” Well, at first I thought that this man could either be an insurance agent or just simply a salesman. Until he follows it with another question, “Do you know what it says in scripture passage X, verse Y?” Now, I’m trying to get a hint on what he is up to. Hence, to avoid any other discussion or debate, I immediately say, Sorry, I’m Catholic and just walk away. In some ways, I feel good afterwards however, oftentimes, I thought it was a sign of being superior over the man----- as if I’m implying that only Catholics are saved and that we have a direct passage to heaven.

In today’s gospel the disciples were being tossed with their boat on the lake by the strong waves during a stormy weather. Jesus was not with them. Having fed the multitudes in the previous chapter of Matthew, Jesus withdrew for a time of prayer and solitude. The boat’s rocking and rolling, water is crashing over the sides, thunder and lightning flashing in the sky, the wind is roaring – certainly they the disciples of Jesus were “terrified”

The point of Matthew’s story is faith. When Jesus appears from nowhere and as he becomes present to them, their fear is overcome. The storm is still raging and Jesus does not calm the storm until the end of the reading. Their fear is gone. Why? Because Jesus’ presence made them feel they have been **saved!**

Then we have that part of the story where Peter was walking on the water to obey the command of Jesus to go to him. Until he got scared because of the strong winds and he started to sink. Upon reading this, I can’t help but ask myself why is there unfairness to Peter in this story? Why is it that in this Scripture,

Jesus was hard on Peter telling him– “O you of little faith!” where in fact at least Peter tried to follow Jesus’ command? My inner gut tells me of an important message that Jesus is trying to imply upon us his listeners and as his followers in this generation. Well, the point that Jesus is trying to tell us is that we have to have a faith stronger than the winds or storms or obstacles that destroy us in our lives. Moreover, Jesus wants us to make Him be the Lord in every aspect of our lives. Jesus wants us to recognize him in whatever chaos or mess that come to us in life as well as to believe and have faith in him that He is our Savior.

Can’t save ourselves? This might seem a pretty un-American thing. Although aren’t we living in an individualistic society who glorify tough guys like James Bond or any of the characters of Clint Eastwood, Denzel Washington or Van Diesel in movies and yet we strongly believe that we can save ourselves from any danger in life? So, when we are offered help, we say “NO” as taught by our parents when we were still young?

So, there is a struggle between seeing Jesus as our only means of salvation versus the false sense of idea that salvation is only achieved through our own terms.

So out of this struggle comes the idea of compartmentalizing Jesus or putting Jesus in a box so that when time comes when we are confronted with sorrow and pain, we cry out to Jesus and say, “Lord, save me!” And so we just leave Jesus waiting for us at the tabernacle of the Church until the time comes when the boat that is our life encounters a storm and the wind roars and the lightning flashes and the thunder booms — we cry out “Lord save me”!

Peter falters in his faith in scripture today because he concentrated too much on the threat of the wind and the waves and not enough on the presence of Jesus right there in front of him. Jesus says to us “Come!” and He challenges us to keep our eyes on Him, to depend on Him, to believe in Him no matter what is going on in our daily lives.

The gospel ends with the line “truly, you are the Son of God”. In other translations, the word “truly” is understood as “beyond doubt”. Either way it does not mean that, because they saw Jesus walk on water and calm the storm, the disciples now had total faith and

the absence of all doubt. Rather it means that they had gotten beyond doubt by turning to and trusting in the Lord in the very midst of confusion, disappointment and fear.

They were saved...and so are we if we lay our eyes and heart on Jesus not only in the midst of danger or necessity but even before any adversity and beyond. In other words, our faith in Jesus should be ALWAYS, NOT JUST IN CASE OF. AMEN.