

Weekend of August 13  
*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....**

Vicaldo Family, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Wendy Reyes, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Robert and Margie Cruz, Rick Lechner, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, George Arviso, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Juan Miguel, Bert Zita, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Romero Family, Annie McTavish, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Blanca Lechner, Virginia Brynwood, Paolo Espiritu, John Clark, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas  
*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

*Classes will begin in September 2023.  
Please contact church office at  
619-443-3412 or [bktparish@aol.com](mailto:bktparish@aol.com) for  
registration papers.*



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**DID YOU KNOW.....**

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the oldest holy days in the Church, with accounts of celebrations going back to the sixth century. Christians in the East, both Catholic and Orthodox refer to it as the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, or "the falling asleep of the Mother of God." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and it recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Tradition variously places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY is the patron Saint of Barona Mission Church and to all our brothers and sisters of Barona....

**HAPPY FEAST DAY!**

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\*\*\*\*\*"Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid."

By keeping our eyes set on Jesus, we are able to do marvelous things. Trust that he will not allow you to stumble or fall.

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## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

### **Walking on Water**

#### **A reflection on the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

This Sunday, is a very special Sunday because we are celebrating our feast day in Barona, the Assumption of Mary alongside with 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time--the time when Mary in body and soul went to heaven to join her Son. It might have been a joy to have a mother finally join her Son in heaven.

Mary had a big influence on Jesus' devotional life. Whenever Jesus finished his ministry at the end of the day, he retreated by himself to a mountain or any secluded place to pray to his Father to give thanks and praise Him for what he had accomplished during the day.

As Christians, we need to have a God-centered life always that is, to constantly communicating to God praising his Holy Name, thanking him for the blessings he has bestowed upon us either big or small, and asking him to guide and help us in whatever that we do during the day.

Several years ago, in London, a priest produced a video entitled "Walking on Water." This title was chosen as a description of prayer.

We could probably consider "walking on water" a crazy idea. Rightly so! But there are many who also consider praying—whether in prayer, or in a group, or by attending mass—useless and waste of time. And the person trying to pray might anxiously ask: Is anyone 'out there' to hold my hand?

Comparing prayer to "walking on water" we are immediately reminded of today's gospel: Jesus walking on the Sea of Galilee. Peter following Jesus' invitation to come to him over the waters.

What happens "on the water" is an encounter between Peter and the Lord Jesus Christ. Prayer is coming to Jesus, being with Jesus. But we come to Jesus as if "walking on water," for Jesus Christ is not there before me like another person whom I can touch and see. I can reach him only by a leap of faith, as if "walking on water."

In prayer I go beyond the usual logic (the logic of the "the world") of money, power, intelligence and planning. I get in touch with the reality of God and the ways of God. (I may doubt as Peter did. I can overcome my doubt through trust, if necessary through crying with all my strength like Peter, "Lord, save me." I may have to throw up my hands so that Jesus can take a hold of them.). If I do this, I shall experience "the power of prayer." This does not mean that "I get what I want" the things I ask for), but rather that I am held by Jesus. Thus, I become firm and strong, even in the midst of confusion and difficulty.

Peter and Elijah were both fearful and anxious. Peter felt drowning in the waves Elijah had fled in fear. But the encounter with the living God ("walking on water") gave them strength and changed their fear into courage. Elijah went back to the country of Israel and continued his work as prophet with courage. Held by Jesus' hand, Peter safely reached the shore and continued his work as prophet with courage. Held by Jesus' hand Peter safely reached the shore and continued to be Jesus' disciple.

The power of prayer is not destructive like the natural forces of fire, earthquake, and typhoon. The power of prayer is a power that gives confidence and courage. It builds up myself and others, through truth, love and service.

There is a famous pencil drawing entitled "The Praying Hands." It shows two hands, worn out from work, but folded and raised in prayer. Someone added the following caption to the picture: When you pray, you open yourself to a power is greater than you, Peter and Elijah experienced the power. You too can experience this. Have the courage to say with Peter, "Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water, yes "walking on water."