

# Weekend of August 16, 2020

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thank you so much for your continued support.

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, Elaine Necochea

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

# ATTENTION!

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

## 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**

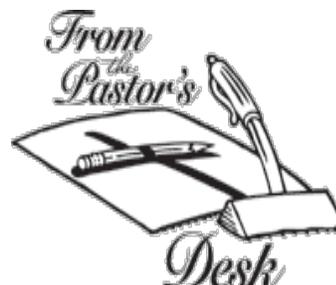
**Sunday 10:30 AM Viejas @ the Shrine**

**Sycuan-No mass until further notice**

**Sunday, August 16 – Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Barona, 8:00 AM followed by boxed meal**

### Strength and Guidance Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for your faithfulness throughout the generations. Your word says that, although people plan their course in their hearts, it is you who establishes our steps. Give me strength and guidance for everything that lies before me. Whatever I do today, your loving eye is on me and you have promised to guide me. Help me to fix my eyes on you as I run the race of life. Help me to walk by faith and not by sight. Strengthen me through your Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.



**Prayers through Perseverance Produce Great Results**

A reflection on the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time

There's an old saying which goes, "If at first you don't succeed, try and try again." (This doesn't apply to committing suicide, of course!)

That was just what the Canaanite woman did in the gospel of this 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. She kept on pestering the Lord, to the point of vexation, to cure her possessed daughter. Jesus tried to ignore her, then rebuffed her, finally insulted her by insinuating she was a housedog. "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the housedogs" (Mt 15:16). She was undaunted. Instead, she turned the table around by making a smart repartee, which surprised Jesus, "Ah yes, sir; but even housedogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table." Jesus was so impressed by the woman's brash reply that he exclaimed, "Woman, great is your faith. Let your wish be granted." The lesson is we shouldn't get discouraged in our prayers with God. We should be "cheeky"; in local parlance, "thick-face" and, like that Canaanite woman, our perseverance will be rewarded.

Some say, however, that their prayers fall on deaf ears. We should remember that prayer begins with the risk of asking or entrusting ourselves to silence, uncertainty, and even rebuff. Hence, the saying, "Man proposes; God disposes."

Moreover, our prayer may not be answered because God has other plans. This is the case of Louis Martin, a French man, who wanted to become a priest. He was, however, turned down because of poor health. He worked and eventually got married to Celia Guerin. A devout Catholic couple, they bore nine children (at that time, there was no family planning yet!) and four of the girls entered the Carmelite Convent. One of them became outstanding in prayers, penance, and simplicity that she eventually became a saint, that is, St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Had

Louis become a priest, we would not have a Millennium Saint today.

The other lesson we can learn from the gospel episode is that God does not discriminate against anyone. The woman was not a Jew. For the Jews who were ultra-nationalistic, helping or doing a favor for a non-Jew was not only forbidden but even considered a grave offense.

But Jesus broke the barrier when he helped the Canaanite woman. As followers of Christ, we should avoid all forms of discrimination, whether racial, religious, or social.

We should ask ourselves: Is my faith in God persevering in good times but especially in bad? Or do I easily get discouraged? On discrimination, do you look down on people because of their religious beliefs or low social status?

Check your attitude and deeds against Jesus' teachings.

There is another secret in producing good results in our prayers and that is to invoke the Blessed Virgin Mary always. Like a very good mother to her children, Mama Mary hears the cry of her children. Ever since I was young, I've always prayed the rosary every day and asked Mama Mary to intercede for me to Jesus so that I will get a better chance of receiving what I am asking for. And you know what? I usually did.

“Thank you, Mama Mary, for all the things that you have blessed me in this world. “

“Happy Feast Day on the Assumption of Mary!”

“Happy Feast Day to my brothers and sisters in Barona!”

Hip, hip hooray! Hip, hip hooray! Hip, hip hooray!

