

Weekend of August 22, 2021

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel

Sunday, Sept. 12 –Viejas @ 10:30 a.m. -
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass.
All reservations are invited. Reception
following. ***Special note to SYCUAN –
mass will be at 12:30 pm.

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. @ Church

Confessions: By appointment only.

Sycuan:

Sunday: Sunday Mass 12:00 noon @ the Church

Confessions: By appointment only

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SACRAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM:

We are happy that you have chosen to have your child Baptized. Here are some of the requirements that we would like you to be aware of.

Requirements: Parents and godparents must attend one preparation session. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics, according to Church regulations.

Additional Information: Parents should be attending Mass regularly. They should contact Beth Glasco (619-820-6880) to schedule the preparation session. The date for the baptism will be set at this time. Only one godparent, of the same gender as the child, is recommended.

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 or on Easter morning. 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 recommended.



Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony Pico, Dolly Albano, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, 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, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Eugene "Gino" Vicaldo, Skylar Rosas, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Cameron Welch, Delia Villa, Christine Therese Macaraeg, Beverly Means

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.



"Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."

-Mother Teresa

UPCOMING EVENTS

PASTOR'S DESK

Love and Fidelity, Key to Eternal Life
A Reflection on the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM, Barona.

On several Sundays of the year, there is a single common theme running thru all 3 of the readings. Today is an example. The theme of Joshua, the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians, and of St. John's Gospel is fidelity, faithfulness, keeping a promise one has made, a word one has given.

When we hear the word fidelity, we are apt to think about the faithfulness of spouses to one another. But the concept of fidelity is much broader than that. Fidelity is present when I pay my bills when I keep my promises. Your son shows fidelity when he takes out the garbage because he promised he would. Your daughter shows fidelity when she returns from a date on time because you asked her to. I am faithful when I keep an important promise like observing the terms of a will, or when I simply come on time for an appointment.

Unfaithfulness, breaking one's promise always brings sadness. I remember a long time ago when I broke a promise to my dad. I thought it was a simple thing. I promised to stay home and do my homework and afterwards, helped my mom do house chores, but went with my friends to watch a movie instead. I will never forget his anger & his disappointment when he found out what I did. He wasn't angry that the work wasn't done; I could do that another time. He was angry because I was not faithful to my promise. Another example is from Ancient History: The anguish of Caesar when he was stabbed by the Roman senators was doubled because one of them was his friend, Brutus.

You expect a lack of fidelity from enemies, but not from friends.

Fidelity and trust are companions. You always find them together. That is because fidelity creates trust in the people to whom I have been faithful. Fidelity is somewhat like the breeder reactor, which, when it makes use of

plutonium, produces more fuel than it consumes.

There are very few human values rated more highly than fidelity and the trust that fidelity creates. Fidelity is the key to anyone's reputation. Label a man or woman untrustworthy, and they have lost the respect that is the basis of all human relations. We see either a claim for fidelity or a plea for trust in almost every area of our lives. Banks & other financial institutions often have the word "trust" in their corporate name. We set up trust funds to protect the rights of those unable to prosecute their own interests. Every dollar bill has printed on it the words: "In God We Trust." Without fidelity and trust, all commerce would come to a standstill. I once saw the title of a corporation that called itself the "Mutual Trust and Fidelity Company"—a classic case of overkill in the use of these respected words.

If love is the queen of virtues, then fidelity must be a close second. And when love and fidelity are combined in one person, we have what surely must be the greatest human force for good that is possible in this world.

Both love and fidelity are found in the person of Jesus. He gave his life for us. And he never broke a promise to his followers, even to his enemies. Because of his fidelity, his apostles trusted him completely. And when he promised such an unbelievable thing as his body to eat and his blood to drink, their only response could be: "Lord, to whom shall we go; we love you and trust you, for you have the words of eternal life."