

Weekend of August 29, 2021

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary

Time

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

Sunday, Sept. 5th –2021 Missionary Cooperation Plan

(MCP) collection. The Missionary Cooperation Plan of the U.S. Catholic Church, referred to as MCP, was started in the late 1930's and is conducted in Dioceses across the U.S. It is a way of centralizing the efforts of missionary organizations from around the world who wish to appeal to Catholics in the United States.

The purpose of the MCP is two-fold. First, the many men's and women's mission congregations, lay organizations and mission dioceses get a change to personally appeal for prayer and financial support from Catholics of the U.S. Secondly, we Catholics get the opportunity to be educated about what is happening in the mission field today. There are many new strides in mission. We emphasize solidarity and understanding of situations that make life so difficult for so many people. The plan gives parishioners an opportunity to learn about missions at home and abroad and an opportunity to financially assist the mission organizations in their efforts to spread the Gospel.

Envelopes will be available and checks may be made out to: Diocese of San Diego – Office for the Missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Wednesday, Sept. 8 – 2:00 p.m. – The statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at Sr. Romero's house. We will have rosary beginning at 2:00 p.m. You are invited, please let Sr. Romero know that you will be coming.

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.

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):

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



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.



FATHER'S SALARY

Just a reminder that Father's salary is now due. Please make check payable to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish. Thank you for your generosity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

PASTOR'S DESK

Are we behaving like the Pharisees?

A reflection on the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A newly installed bishop who holds a doctor's degree in Canon (church) Law gave his first talk to the clergy. He solemnly declared: "Henceforth this diocese will be ruled by Canon Law." An old priest who was hard of hearing leaned to a young priest sitting beside him and asked, "What did he say?" Raising his voice for everybody to hear, the priest replied, "The bishop says, 'Henceforth this diocese will be RUINED by the Canon Law.'"

Rules and traditions are good but when carried in the wrong spirit, they can indeed "ruin" people. This is why Christ rebuked the religious leaders during his time (Pharisees) for their unbending legalism and self-righteousness.

One such attitude is shown in the gospel today of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time when the fault-finding Pharisees criticized Jesus' disciples for not washing their hands before eating (Mk 7:2).

Note that washing of hands before eating and other dietary customs then were not mere hygienic practice or social amenities, like putting your napkin on your lap when you sit down in a restaurant. Rather, these were religious traditions intended to manifest an inner piety. As such, these religious practices were not bad. What Christ opposed was the Pharisees' attitude that such formal and merely external actions constituted a person's religiosity. Worse, when such practices are used to show to the public how pious they were. Hence, the scathing words of the Lord: "This people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

We have to admit that we behave much like the legalistic Pharisees at times. We judge ourselves as good, "practicing" Catholics when we fulfill our obligations of going to Sunday Mass, receiving communion, and wearing a scapular or medal. These forms of piety are not bad in themselves. However, they could lead to mere externalism in religion or a holier-than-thou-attitude.

There was once a rector (head of a seminary) who was prayerful and a stickler of the seminary rules who would make snide remarks about the younger members of the community. "Priests nowadays are fond of going to movies and socializing," he would complain, taking potshots at confreres during meals. "It's so much unlike before."

One morning while, the elderly priest was again talking sarcastically, a young confrere who was out that previous night felt personally offended. With his Caucasian face turning red like a ripe tomato, he blurted out, "Father, I'd rather enjoy a nice movie outside than sit here and talk about the faults of others. It's uncharitable." He pushed back his chair, which toppled down backwards, and walked out.

There was a long silence, but the other young ones, were applauding internally. The young priest's point was, people could be "pious," say grace before meals, but fail to be kind, considerate, and charitable towards others.

How about us? Are we prayerful and regular Mass goers but cannot forgive a mother-in-law, a relative, or a co-worker? Are we members of religious and renewal organizations, but are harsh and unjust to our workers?

God requires a piety which involves not only our prayers but also our conduct and behavior. One without the other is hypocritical. And that is why the Lord reserved the harshest criticism for the Pharisees. May He not say of us: "This people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me."

- Fr. Bel San Luis, SVD