

Weekend of September 1

Twenty-second 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, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, George Arviso, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Romero Family, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Paolo Espiritu, John Clark, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Mark Noriega, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke, Colleen Crowden, Jeff Ashii, Pamela Nolan CSC, Rosario and Paul Estepa, Haley Price, Mark Marquez, Lulu Cabinatan, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Caroline Mendoza, Connie Devera, Don Speer, Meta Roubedeaux, Eileen Hansotte, Deacon Clarke, DJ LaChappa

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday, September 4 – Classes will resume with Alyssa Parada at Barona.

Sacramental Preparation with Mark Price:

Viejas: 3:00 PM

Barona: 4:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 2 – Labor Day

Friday, Sept. 6 – Sunday, Sept. 8 – 2024

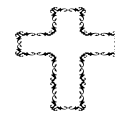
Sycuan Powwow, 5577 Dehesa Rd, El Cajon

Sunday, September 8 – 10:00 AM ,

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary mass at Viejas. All reservations are invited, lunch to follow.

Prayer of Blessing for Catechists

Lord God,
Source of all wisdom and knowledge,
You sent your son, Jesus Christ, to live among us and to proclaim his message of faith, hope, and love to all nations.
In your goodness bless our brothers and sisters who have offered themselves as catechists for your Church. Strengthen them with your gifts that they may teach by word and example the truth which comes from you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
-Book of Blessings



“Be does of the word and not hearers only.” The reception of the Word of God demands a living response, for the Word is active and alive, spurring us on to action.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Practice What You Preach A reflection on the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The building of the beliefs and values of our young people is critical to their future and the future of society. Adults ultimately influence children by their actions more than their words. It has been said, "What you do shouts so loudly that I cannot hear what you are saying!"

As we review the some of the headlines over the past couple of years, it appears that what we are doing is sending a message which is in conflict with the basic values taught by Jesus. Some business leaders have been dishonest and deceitful in their dealings with their employees and investors. Some government leaders, at all levels of government, have abused their power to be self-serving rather than serve the people who elected them. Some church leaders have abused the trust of their people by their actions and by their lack of responsible leadership.

"Actions do speak louder than words." I remember a conversation I had one evening when I was still in Oakland with a young man in his mid-twenties at a homeless shelter. He told me he was never going to set foot in a church again. I asked him, "Why?" He told me about an experience he had as he hitch hiked across the country. One Sunday morning he felt a need to attend church. He was in a small town and entered the local church; he did not tell me the denomination of the church. The young man sat in the back of the church before the service began. The pastor spotted him and came over and asked him what he wanted. The young man told him he wanted to attend the service. The pastor told him, "Get out, we don't want your type in here."

I wondered what part of scripture the pastor preached on that morning. This pastor, like many others, preaches love, tolerance, compassion while inside believing just the opposite. The message in the gospel today speaks strongly to this point. Jesus challenges the Pharisees and scribes of his day about the time and effort spent on their external practices while ignoring their internal attitudes and actions. They were only concerned about themselves and how they looked in public.

The expectations they set on others were impossible to achieve, especially for the poor and marginalized. They lacked the resources so they became excluded and judged unfit. "Get out; we don't want your type in here."

Jesus was very direct by telling them know that they were letting outside practices substitute for truth and God's commandments. They were allowing these concerns and practices to distract them from the real issues. Their practices had taken on a life of their own and God and others got lost. It was not that what they were doing was wrong but rather that it had degenerated into religious formalism which excludes others. It is an easy trap for any of us to fall into. The Pharisees and scribes did not live just two thousand years ago. They still live among us today.

In the second reading from the letter of James, we are told "Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves." Then James tells us what true religion is about, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world." "Actions do speak louder than words" We are called to be consistent both in our internal and external life otherwise we are like the people Isaiah spoke of, "This people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me..."

Joseph Cardinal Bernardine wrote an article about how a few young priests on retreat with him, challenged him about his prayer life. It was then that he realized that he was calling people to a level of holiness that he himself had not reached. He was allowing work and other distractions to take priority over his relationship with God. The Cardinal said, "That day I let go of Joe Bernardine and grabbed onto the Lord." From that day on he spent the first hour of everyday in prayer. I think we all witnessed in his life a man who was consistent both in his external and internal practices.

It is only in and through an intimate relationship with God that we can grow to be a person whose actions on the job, or in political office, or within the church, or wherever we are called, reflect the heart and mind of Jesus. That is what wholeness and holiness are all about!