

Weekend of September 4, 2022 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 12:30 noon @ the Church

Confessions: By appointment only

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, Donna Berardi, Billy, Penny and Daniel Vicaldo, Anthony Pico, Dolly Albano, Mike Montes, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Rosario Ravasco, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Abraham Pascual, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Louck, David Ramos, Felix Chiu, Edna De La Cruz Yusi, Marlon Amaranto, Sam Halabo, Bobby Curo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Billy Brown, Robert and Margie Cruz, Gina Curo, Rick Lechner, Mark Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, Xien Cabanero, Dennis Colton, Manny Ilagan, George Arviso, Ernie and Emy Lampa and Ludy Sierra, Cita Welch, Rose Ramos

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

(K-High School) – Classes will begin Thursday, September 8th. Please contact church office if you would like to register. All classes are a two year program.

Barona, K-8th: New classes will resume on **Thursday, September 8th**. **Barona, High School:** Thursday, 3:00 p.m. (classroom under the club house) – classes will resume on **Thursday, September 8th**.

**Please contact Judy Oyos (judy.otm@gmail.com)
for Adult classes or for more information**

regarding classes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sunday, September 11 – 10:30 AM, Viejas – Feast Day of Viejas, followed by potluck. One mass for all reservations.

Thursday, September 22 – Barona clubhouse, 5:00 PM – Dinner, 6:00 PM - SD Martyr meeting with Cardinal McElroy.

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You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship.

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Blessing of Travelers

Abraham left his own land and departed from his own people, you kept him safe all through his journey.

Protect us, who also are your servants:

Walk by our side to help us;

Be our companion and our strength on the road and our refuge in every adversity.

Lead us, O Lord,

So that we will reach our destination in safety and happily return to our homes.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTOR'S DESK

Following the Footsteps of Jesus

A reflection on the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The story is told about a son who told his father: “Dad, I want to take up dentistry.” The father, a simple farmer, after some thought said: “Son, you know how poor we are. Can you not take up a shorter course? That’s because I may not be able to support you through dentist-one, then dentist-two, till dentist-three!”

In today’s Gospel (Lk. 14,25-33), the Lord mentions three reasons that block discipleship. The first block is relationships. (“If anyone comes to me without his mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life cannot be my disciple.”) The second block is lack of perseverance. (“This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.”) The third block is possessions. (“Every one of you who does not renounce his possessions cannot be my disciple.”) What is it that is blocking you from being the Lord’s disciple? What is it that is preventing you from doing your mission for the Lord?

Travel light. This is the rule of thumb for anyone who seeks to follow Christ. If we are burdened and heavy, following Christ is not easy. If we are attached to worldly pressures, pleasures and measures, we cannot be His disciples. Today, let us all reflect on those things that bind us and prevent us from following Christ more truly and more generously.

Travel free. It is not easy to follow Christ if we have many attachments. Are there people in our lives who prevent us from speaking the truth and from pursuing the Gospel values? Are there people who gag or silence us? Is our mission affected by some people’s permission?

Travel all the way. Too bad some of us travel with Christ only on the highway and abandon Him as soon as we hit the rough roads and the by-ways. When the going gets rough, all the more should we stay by His side.

In Abra (Northern Philippines) where I served as a missionary for a year, I learned how to bring a jeep across a river. If one had a sacristan, he could wade

ahead and find the shallow part of the river. If one is alone, all it took was to throw a stone into the water, and just by the sound, know if the water ahead was shallow or deep. Today, let us reflect on how deep our love for God is.

What is a “commissioner”? One who is on the lookout for his commission? No. A commissioner is a partner in a mission. He or she is a co-missioner. Too bad many of us forget that life is a mission, and that life is for a reason. At the end of our lives, may we have no regret that we lived a life full of selfishness and greed and thus forgot to help those in need.

The problem with our so-called public servants is that they are not public, and they are not servants at all. Most of them are so private and are so focused on their personal agenda. Furthermore, they are lords who make servants out of their constituents. Why? Wanted: public servants who are light, free and who travel with us all the way.

A proposition: If the leaders of our land go on with their lying spree, let’s not join them, because discipleship is about standing up for the truth and righteousness; if our religious leaders take the stance of playing safe and playing mute, let us speak up, for discipleship is about taking risks and taking a stand; if our people care only about making a living and “moving on,” let us remind them that life is not just about making a living, but living a life, that is pleasing to God.

Fr. Gerry Orbos, SVD



