

# Weekend of September 5, 2021

## 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).

### Viejias:

**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

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

**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.

### LABOR DAY PRAYER

God our Creator,  
we are the work of your hands.  
Guide us in our work,  
that we may do it, not for self alone,  
but for the common good.  
Make us alert to injustice,  
ready to stand in solidarity,  
That there may be dignity for all  
in labor and in labor's reward.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Book of Common Prayer

## SACRAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

### BECOMING A CATHOLIC (RCIA):

This program is for adults who have not been baptized in any faith, or who were baptized in another Christian religion, and for those adult Catholics who have only been baptized.

**Requirements:** Baptized Catholics must bring a baptismal certificate.

**Additional Information:** Those over age 18 should contact Ed Nolan, to begin preparations. New sessions will begin in September, 2021. Adults will make the sacraments needed in order to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass or on Easter Sunday morning.

## PASTOR'S DESK

**Are we deaf to our own faults?**

## A reflection on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

After a golden wedding anniversary Mass, the 85-year-old husband looked at his 84-year-old wife who was practically deaf and beamed: "I'm proud of you." The wife became angry and replied: "I'm also tired of you!"

He repeated himself, "No, I said 'I'm proud of you.'" And the wife shot back: "I told you. I'm also tired of you!"

How difficult it is to be deaf. More so to be both deaf and mute as the gospel today relates. That's why the Lord, out of compassion, heals a deaf-mute man.

In his commentary on the episode, Biblical author William Barclay says, "Most people find deaf folks a nuisance. They sympathize with people who are blind and lame, but they get irritated and annoyed with people who are deaf. And the result is that deaf people are apt to avoid company and get more and more shut in."

The great compassion of Jesus tells us more in the way He cured him. The gospel tells us that Jesus took the man away from the crowd, which shows His sensitivity to the situation of the embarrassed handicapped man.

"Deaf mutes" are not only the people handicapped in speech and hearing as in the gospel story, but also the social deaf-mutes – those who have no voice or influence in society, those to whom no one listens. Helping them is one way of thanking God for the great gifts of our speech and hearing which, often, we take for granted.

Another way of being grateful is to use these faculties as God intended. We abuse our speech faculty by lying or by slander, or when we destroy the good name of others through false rumors. Bear in mind. An ugly rumor or a destructive gossip that's carelessly passed on, can never be recalled.

This is illustrated by the story of a town gossip who was given a strange penance by a priest to bring up a building a bag full of feathers, then throw them in the air. Much as she wanted to collect the feathers, she

could no longer do it because they've been scattered by the wind to the four geographical corners. We may regret a destructive gossip, but like the strewn feathers, we can never take it back. And the harm is done.

Finally, are we deaf-mute to our faults and wrongdoings? The story is told about a priest inside the confessional box hearing the confession of his altar server. After confiding his sins, the priest thought he forgot to confess some "big" ones, so he said, "You forgot to mention that you took money from the collection box and drank Mass wine in the sacristy."

Complete silence followed. The priest went out of the confessional and said, "Hey, why don't you answer. Can't you hear anything?" "Not a single word, Father!" the altar server replied. "Okay, let's exchange places. Talk and I'll listen," the priest said.

In a solemn voice, the altar server began, "Father, why are you not giving me a break, a gift and my allowance?" The priest rushed out and said, "You're right. I cannot hear anything from that side!"

This is just a joke, but it conveys the lesson: Often, we are deaf to our own faults. As much as possible we do not want to admit our mistakes and wrongdoings. So, let's ask ourselves: Are we moved by pity to reach out to our handicapped brothers and sisters or more by annoyance? Are we grateful to God for our healthy speech and hearing and show it by helping the handicapped?

Are we deaf to our own faults and failings? As Jesus' disciples, let's imitate His compassion.  
--Fr. Bel San Luis, SVD

