

Weekend of September 25, 2022 Twenty-sixth 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, Zita and Geozita Haygood, Nestor Elman, Lilly Gautreaux
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

(K-High School) – Please see following day and time changes. All classes are a two year program.

Barona, K-8th:

Classes have changed to **Wednesdays:**

3:30 pm – 1st year students/ First Communion

4:30 pm – 2nd year students/ First Communion

Sycuan: 2nd year youth class is at 10:30 am.

New students please contact Judy Oyos to arrange a time for class.

Please contact Judy Oyos (judy.otm@gmail.com) or Fr. Herman Manuel (herman_manuel@hotmail.com) for Adult class information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Monday, September 26 – Friday, September 30

2022 Convocation of Priests – Fr. Herman Manuel will be attending. There will be no morning mass during this time.



Fr. Herman Manuel will be on vacation beginning Sunday, October 2 – Friday, October 7. During this time there will be no morning mass and Fr. Joe Miller will do all masses on October 2nd.

Who do you identify with – the rich man or Lazarus? Choose to notice others and to reach out to those in need. Support those who serve the poor.

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A Family Blessing

Lord of all,
Bless our families. Be they formed by blood or by circumstance, Make them holy.

May we find you in our relationships. In our marriages, in our families, in our households, in our communities, in our global humanity. May we look across all that divides us and see family, and embrace as a family does and love as a family ought to.

For where two or three gather in your name,
There are you. Amen.

PASTOR'S DESK

Blessed Are the Poor

A reflection on the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church gives us today an intriguing rich man who goes to hell and a miserably poor man, Lazarus, who goes to heaven. One is reminded of Dante's *Inferno* where great individuals, including some Popes, eventually suffer the flames vividly depicted likewise in Michelangelo's stunning masterpiece at the Sistine Chapel, not all is fair in this life, we often hear it said, where good men suffer and evil men prosper, and so there must be life after death, where we expect perfect justice.

The rich man in our story is, of course, a stereotype. One may well ask if there are rich men too, who in this life do not behave like the ones the prophet Amos describes as "complacent in Zion" and overconfident on the mount of Samaria." These men would only delay the evil day by "lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches." The Hindus, like the Buddhists, diagnose this life to consist of warp and woof in suffering so to feign pleasure and wallow in success would be artifice, one that would lack (using Kierkegaard's lingo) inwardness or (using Heidegger) authenticity.

Is it then a virtue to be poor? "Blessed are the poor" says St. Luke, and "Blessed are the poor in spirit," says St. Matthew. The poor should be happy, for they shall eventually earn the kingdom of heaven. Passages like this need interpretation in the light of contemporary advocacies against poverty. The eradication of poverty, in fact, is among our millennial goals. Is Lazarus' poverty a virtue, and the

rich man's wealth a vice? If so, no rich man will ever find entrance into heaven, so that it becomes literally true that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a person of wealth to find salvation. It is wealth per se which the cause of damnation is.

That may very well be the case, but then perhaps it is not necessarily so. The picture includes that of a filthy rich man who would have extended assistance to poor Lazarus, but who failed miserably to even give him the crumbs. There is no mention too of Lazarus even attempting to steal from his rich neighbor, in the process suffering poverty all his life. We are reminded also of another Gospel story where a poor widow gives all she has, thus proving herself even richer than the wealthy ones who could spare only from their surplus.

Maybe this tale of Lazarus is directed more to the rich than to the poor man like Lazarus. In this case, indeed, Abraham and the prophets should be enough messengers to warn them of hell and thus the need for them to extend their hand in the alleviation and eventual eradication of poverty in this life. Lazarus is the wealthy men's responsibility; the latter shall be judged by what he has done to change the former's plight.



Lazarus & The Rich Man