

# Weekend of September 26, 2021

## 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 12:00 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, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Cameron Welch, Christine Therese Macaraeg, Beverly Means

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.



### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (K-High School)**

Will begin Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> (after school bus drop off). Please give your child a bus permission slip.

Per Diocesan regulation, masks will be required to be worn indoors. Registration forms will be available at Mass, Ed Nolan's office and at the back of the church.

You may also call church office at 619-443-3412 or email [bktparish@aol.com](mailto:bktparish@aol.com) to request form or for further information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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



*Brother Ed will begin a series on the Catholic Mass. It will begin on **Wednesday, October 6, 2021.***

**When:** *Wednesdays, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27 and 11/3*  
**Time:** 5:30 PM

*If you would like to join us, please contact Brother Ed at [bktparish@aol.com](mailto:bktparish@aol.com) and the zoom link will be sent to you.*



The Law of the Lord exists to guide and direct our steps here on earth so that we might arrive safely at the palaces of heaven. Embrace the Law with your whole heart, mind and soul that you might also grow in love with the Law-giver.

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## PASTOR'S DESK

**To Follow Jesus: Being Detached from Sin and Worldly Pleasures**

## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Gospel Reading shows us how John approached Jesus and said to him, “We saw someone driving out demons in your name.” The disciples had observed that the person who was driving out the demons did not belong to their group. Seeing this, they had prevented him from doing so. When the disciples told him this, the Lord did not like what he heard, because he did not think this was the right thing to do nor the appropriate action to take. This was intolerance. And, how could the Lord approve of the intolerance, or the small-mindedness, that his disciples were showing?

From the beginnings of its existence, our Church has taught that no single group, no single person, has a monopoly on Christian spirituality. People who are intolerant, who show favoritism, or who have a desire for power should not be allowed to enter into Christian communities. But, if they do enter, they should be shown that in our Church all of us have to act as Jesus did. The Gospel Reading today makes this clear. We should always remember that the Church belongs to all of us and that all of us have rights and responsibilities. We cannot reject people simply because they do not share our same spirituality or do not follow Jesus in the same way we do.

Being exclusive in any place, but especially in Church communities, can lead to sin. In our communities, in our groups, in the universal Catholic Church, we should act as Jesus showed us: we are all part of the Body of Christ, the Church. We are all equal, no matter what the color of our skin, our ethnic group, our language or from which continent we come. We have the obligation to be kind to others and to welcome everyone equally. Christians will be known if in the community, or in whatever group they identify themselves with, they know how to welcome, to be kind and accepting, of personalities or opinions which are contrary to their own. There will only be peace in our communities when we can act humbly without trying to impose our own will on others, in a word, when we stop trying to dominate everyone and everything.

The apostles learned very well the lesson that Christ gave them about tolerance and acceptance. No one should try to give us lessons on this. Remember that

the apostles were the ones who led and unified the early Church by following the norms they had learned from the Master. The Apostle Saint James was the head of the Christian community in Jerusalem. In our Second Reading, Saint James warns us against the type of power that can lead us to avarice, small-mindedness and a desire to dominate. He seriously warns us about the desires that many people have to enrich themselves, taking advantage of others, cheating their brother and their sister. He exhorts us to cast aside this inordinate, and sinful, desire for money and power. He tells the rich that if they only worry about their riches, they run the risk of losing their souls.

What the Apostle is saying is reason enough for us to think about what we are doing, to start to detach ourselves from material things, instead of trying to obtain more, especially more of those things that are not necessary for us. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that we should practice the charity of the Lord in good and fraternal acts that will lead to heaven.

Even though Our Lord always preached against intolerance, he did not say that we had to consent to or be in agreement with sin. Respecting the opinions of others even though they may not be the same as ours shows the tolerance that Christ taught. What we cannot tolerate is sin in whatever form it takes. Christ himself pardoned the sins of many people but he never made excuses for sinfulness. What the Lord really asks us to do is to follow the road that separates us from sin.

### Theme for Sunday’s Homily on the Eucharist:

“The Eucharist is the sacred meal that nurtures us, bonds us together and sends us forth to transform the world.”