

Weekend of March 2

Eighth 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....

Michele Nikas Beaman, John Nikas, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mike Wise,

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, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Paolo Espiritu, John Clark, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke, Jeff Ashii, Rosario and Paul Estepa, Haley Price, Mark Marquez, Lulu Cabinatan, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Connie Devera, Don Speer, Meta Roubedeaux, Eileen Hansotte, DJ LaChappa, Marcella Villanova, Michael McKnight, Lulu Cabinatan, Donald Lee, Gabriel Marquez, Sr., Joseph Kardian, Bear Cuero, Autumn Cheyenne Russo, Frances Banegas, Diane Robetkey, Ed Sloan, Cindy McAllister

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education with Alyssa Parada:

Barona: 3:00 PM – First Communion Prep

4:15 – All ages Religious Ed

Sacramental Preparation with Mark Price:

Viejas: 3:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Barona: 4:30 PM

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

MARCH

Wednesday, March 5, 2025– Ash Wednesday

Barona 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Sycuan 5:00 PM

Viejas 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 8 – Rite of Election, Good Shepherd Church. This year we are blessed to have eight candidates participating!

Sunday, March 9 – 2:00 AM Daylight savings time begins, don't forget to "spring forward" one hour.

Sunday, March 16 – Tuesday, March 18 – Lenten Retreat with Most Rev. Felipe Pulido

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Saturday, March 29 – Sunday, March 30 – Annual Lenten Collection

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Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ beneath me to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,

Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Looking at Each Other as a Child of God A reflection on the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's world, it is easier for us to find mistakes of others; to be critical of the shortcomings of others; to be unsatisfied of other people's efforts rather than be appreciative of their hard work. . . or at least be tolerant. . . or be supportive. . . to love rather than hate others?

Yet we fail to critique ourselves.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus says to us: "We see the speck in another person's eye but fail to see the log in ours". How true, isn't it? A person I fully respect always reminds me to be careful when we point an accusing finger on another person, because three of them are pointing to us.

Why do we act this way? Is it envy? Is it to cover our own shortcomings and/or failures? Either way this attitude is pernicious; it is self-destructive.

Several Sundays ago one of the Mass readings was St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians (I Cor. 12, 12-27) in which St. Paul describes the Mystical Body of Christ. As baptized Christians, each one of us is a part of the same Mystical Body. And St. Paul furthermore makes note of how different each one of us is. "God put our bodies together in such a way that even the parts that seem the least important are valuable. He did this to make all parts of the body work together smoothly, with each part caring for one another." It is a wonderful concept, that each one of us born in Christ in baptism is intimately connected with each other that there should be unity among ourselves.

This unity is blessed by God, but

because of human attitudes, and behaviors, we tend to disagree or oppose some parts of the Mystical Body. Hence we only see the bad instead of the good. This leading to false judgments. We allow certain biases to arise that prevent us from being close to people. In fact, there may be some individuals whose mere presence make us uncomfortable. Such attitudes and reactions are certainly not compatible with the notion of the Mystical Body of Christ.

Today's gospel from St. Luke follows immediately upon his beautiful explanation of unconditional love whereby we are to love even our enemies. This kind of love is not ordinary. It can only come with the grace of God. It is not easy after all to love our enemies. To do so requires a lot of effort and will. This is the challenge of today's gospel message to us. We need to look at each other as a child of God removing our biases and false judgments. Instead, we need to accept each other's shortcomings and imperfections. Let us always do our best to look at the good side of people.

Does this sound impossible or difficult to achieve? This is exactly the mission of Christ on earth: to transform the world, according to the will of His Father, especially the attitudes of people, that each one of us is really and genuinely, by our actions and words a part of the Mystical Body of Christ

Today's gospel is a bold challenge for every one of us, as followers of Christ.

For all who are
led by the Spirit
of God are
children of God.

ROMANS 8:14, NRSV

