

Weekend of October 1, 2023

Twenty-sixth 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).

Viejias:

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....

Vicaldo Family, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Wendy Reyes, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, George Arviso, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Juan Miguel, Bert Zita, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Romero Family, Annie McTavish, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Blanca Lechner, Virginia Brynwood, Paolo Espiritu, John Clark, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Midge Svien, Rogelio Noriega, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke, Colleen Crowden, Jeff Ashii

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Barona – 3:00 p.m. with Alyssa

Parada will begin Wednesday,

October 4th.

Sacramental Preparation with Mark Price will begin Wednesday, Sept. 27.

Viejias – 3:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Barona – 4:30 PM

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

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 22 –
World Mission Sunday
collection. For this year's World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis has chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24:13-35): "Hearts on fire, feet on the move".

PASTOR'S CORNER

**Saying Yes to God with All Our
Hearts Not Just to Please Him**

**A reflection on the 26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

If you grew up with sisters or brothers, today's Gospel makes perfect sense. Was there not always one sister or brother who, when asked by their parents to do something, always responded sweetly, saying "Yes, I will" and then did just what he/she pleased. And the other brother or sister who would whine, "Do I have to" or "I'll do it tomorrow" or "I don't want to". And then do what was asked because of

parental persuasion. Sometimes it was done begrudgingly but at least it was done.

It is one thing to profess faith and to speak with fervent religiosity. It is quite another to live the faith. Deeds speak louder than words. It may sound trite to say that but nonetheless it expresses a very deep truth. More than anything we say, more than any words mouthed, it is the service we offer and the love that we share which truly proclaims our love for God; our discipleship of Jesus. How we live and act; how we serve and how we love not what we say gives expression to our belief and our trust in the God who saves. You not only have to talk the talk, you must also walk the walk.

A young Associate Pastor, newly ordained, decided to begin a Sunday evening Bible Study group. After 8 o'clock morning Mass he asked the people to stay and he spoke to them of his idea to start a Bible Study group. After a fervent explanation of his plans he asked, "Do you think we should have in our parish a Sunday evening Bible Study?" He was elated at the response. 54 people thought it was a fine idea. Later during the day he spoke to the Pastor about this wonderful response to his plan. The Pastor listened and then gently said, "Perhaps you should rephrase this question to them, "How many of you will attend the Sunday evening Bible Study?" He did as his boss told him. How disappointing for him when only four hands went up!

Paul tells us in the reading today, "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." Jesus, the Son of God, gave of himself totally, obedient to the Father in all things even to death. To have the attitude of Christ is to give in the same way; to submit to the will of the Father in all things;

literally to walk in the footsteps of Jesus... the Jesus who urges us to love God above all else and love the other as ourselves. The words of the prophet Hosea must be engraved into our hearts, "I desire mercy and not sacrifice." God wants not only your faith but a faith that engenders good works, kindness and care, commitment and love. A faith that is grounded in love.

Our society, our world, places great obstacles before us as we try to live our faith. Often the world confuses and befuddles us as it explains whatever moral aberration as "a right — a right to express self." What does the world say to us today? How does it speak to us about?

Greed — one has a right to amass as much as possible no matter who is hurt in the process.

Sexual promiscuity — every young person has a right to feel sexually fulfilled no matter the consequences.

Abortion — it's nothing more than a health choice.

Euthanasia — we have a right not to be burdened by those who are non-productive in our society and they have a right to end their life.

Each day our moral values and traditions are more and more attacked and belittled. Our society, our culture more and more beckons us to take the easy way. It becomes harder to hear the Father say, "Go out and work in the vineyard today." The words of Ezekiel in the first reading starkly remind us that, to turn from God is to choose death.

The world allures but God gives life. The living voice of Jesus speaks to us today. We hear him say, “Go out and work in the vineyard.” How will you respond?