

Weekend of October 2, 2022 Twenty-seventh 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, Irmira 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



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.

Thursday, October 20 – 6:00 PM, SD Martyr meeting, Barona Clubhouse.



Father,

God of new paths and new beginnings, I thank You with my whole heart for waking me up today. Please guide me along the road, knowing what to do, where to start and how to end my tasks, my plans and my opportunities.

Defend me from the Accuser, the Devil who wants to thwart Your plans for us by pointing at us as unworthy of You.

Help us, Lord, to be faithful and to be authentic, children of God who have no other desire but to please the Father.

Be with me today, Lord.

Amen.

PASTOR'S DESK

Lord, Increase our Faith

A reflection on the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Did you know that long before the soft drink Coke was ever produced, the Bible had already a commercial on it? The "ad" goes: "Have a Coke." In Hebrew, Habakkuk! Levity aside, "Habakkuk" is the name of an obscure prophet in the Old Testament. And in the First Reading of this 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we read about him. What's amusing about this man is his audacity to stand up before God and complain, "How long, O Lord? I cry for help, but you do not listen!"

Then seeing all the violence and misery around, he dared to question how God is governing the world. Habakkuk may well represent a good number of us in situations when everything seems to be going wrong, when we feel that God is so distant and does not seem to care about our problems.

For instance, why does a good God allow unimaginable misery to fall on people devastated by landslides, floods, or earthquakes? Or why do godless people continue to sow terror and misery as in the bombing on the World Trade Center in New York, where scores of innocent people died, or senseless killings like in Paris, San Bernardino and Turkey among others?

God's answer is: "Be patient with Me. I am the Master. What I ask of you is to have faith." By faith we mean the unconditional acceptance of Jesus Christ as Son of God, a steadfastness in the midst of day-to-day trials and difficulties.

In his book *Through the Eyes of Faith*, Fr. John Powell, SJ, tells of a friend George who had a coronary heart attack in his mid-thirties. George was so weakened that he could walk only short distances and had to live a sedentary life. Then in his forties George had more than 20 operations for cancer of the face, including removal of his nose.

Fr. Powell once asked George if he ever wondered why he had to live with so much infirmity. I will never forget his answer said Powell: "These are the cards God lovingly dealt me, and these are the cards I

will lovingly play." Moreover, Fr. Powell said, "I will always be grateful for the deep trust in God's wisdom which those words revealed."

In this Sunday gospel, the apostles ask our Lord: "Increase our faith." The apostles, whom Jesus had sent forth to preach, were apparently overwhelmed by the demands of their work and dejected by the people's cold response. Our Lord replies, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, 'Be uprooted... and it would obey you'" (Lk 17:5).

It does not mean that faith will give us power to move trees literally. But faith will give us power to COPE with difficulties. A man of faith knows that there are dark moments, but he will never yield to despair or desolation.

But trusting in God alone is not enough. As much as we must implore God's help in crisis situations so must we do our part. That's why I tell people who come to me to have their cars blessed: "My blessing is good only up to 90 kilometers per hour; what's beyond that is your responsibility." Obviously, that's just banter but there's some truth there. Indeed, even if I pour a drum of holy water on your vehicle, if you are reckless in driving, my blessing won't help. Maybe we should pour the holy water on the driver!

May the Lord increase our faith especially in difficult situations, like the unexpected death of a loved one, failure in business or marriage, an undeserved sickness, or uncaring relatives and abrasive co-workers.

Fr. Bel San Luis, SVD

