Weekend of October 8, 2023

Twenty-seventh 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....

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, Mark Noriega, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke, Colleen Crowden, Jeff Ashii, Arlette Poutous, Pamela Nolan CSC

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

<u>Barona</u> – Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. with Alyssa Parada.

Sacramental Preparation with Mark Price are ongoing each Wednesday.

<u>Viejas</u> – 3:00 PM

Barona - 4:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 21 and 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". Envelopes will be in the back of the church.

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NOVEMBER

<u>Wednesday, Nov. 1</u> – All Saints Day mass, 8:00 AM at Barona

Thursday, Nov. 2 – All Souls

Mass and Grave Blessing

11:00 AM – Viejas

12:00 PM – Los Conejos

4:00 PM – Sycuan

6:30 PM – Barona

<u>Sunday, Nov. 5</u> – Children's mass led by Mark Price

Thursday, Nov. 23 -

Thanksgiving Day mass – 8:00 AM at Barona

"Have no anxiety at all, but make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

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PASTOR'S CORNER

The Goodness of God in Spite of Our Ungratefulness A reflection on the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Any landowner will naturally expect a rightful share of the fruits of the land he/she rented out to tenants. But there are abusive tenants who do not only cheat the landowner, but also act as if they own the land themselves. On the other hand, there are landowners who deprive the tenants of their rightful share. Worse, some landowners treat their tenants as their "properties." Hence, the Gospel in this Twenty-Seventh (27th) Sunday in Ordinary Time conveys the theme of justice and fairness. Underlying this theme is a spiritual message that can be formulated into a question: have we been just and fair to God for all the blessings he has given to us?

The old adage, "Don't kill the goose that lays the golden egg," reminds us of the value of the source of a treasure. The Gospel tells us that the source of our treasure is God and the faithfulness of his love is symbolized by the landowner. Despite being cheated and his servants maltreated, God sends more of his servants to demand his share of the harvest. Too often, we treasure the gift and forget the great Giver. We enjoy the blessings but miss out the Giver. But despite our unfaithfulness

and ingratitude, blessings continue to flow. That limit is represented by the Son.

The last straw to God's patience is the maltreatment of the Son. God will mete out punishments to whoever maltreats his Son, similar to putting to death those wretched men who killed the Son, and then re-channel his blessings to those more worthy of them, like leasing our His vineyard to other tenants. The wrath of God's punishment will be unimaginably horrible.

The Gospel therefore challenges us to return God's faithfulness with our faithfulness to Jesus Christ, his Son. The blessings that we receive from him are means to strengthen our resolve to love Jesus Christ more. If in the olden times the cornerstone, who is Jesus Christ, was rejected by the builders, we in these modern times resolve to keep Jesus Christ as the cornerstone of our lives.

This month is World Mission Month and we can show our love and faithfulness to God by reaching out to those who are in need of God's love especially those who have been deprived from the society here in the U.S. like the poor and the homeless, the sick, the elderly and the innocent women and children who have been sold for sex slavery here and abroad or share what God has blessed us with those who have lost their all from the big fires in Maui, floodwaters in Libya and the earthquake in Morocco.

