

# Weekend of October 9, 2022 Twenty-eighth 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, Irmina 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> year students/ First Communion**

**4:30 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> year students/ First Communion**

**Sycuan: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:judy.otm@gmail.com)) or Fr. Herman Manuel ([herman\\_manuel@hotmail.com](mailto: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

**Thursday, October 20** – Barona clubhouse, 5:00 PM - Dinner, 6:00 PM - SD Martyr meeting

**Sunday, October 23** – Mission Sunday collection – Propagation of the Faith

## **NOVEMBER**

**Tuesday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>** – 8:00 AM, All Saints Day mass, Barona

**Wednesday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>** – All Souls Day Schedule

11:00 AM – **Viejas**, Blessing of Graves

12:00 PM – **Conejos** – Mass and Blessing of graves. Candlelighting at dusk.

4:00 PM – **Sycuan**, Mass and Blessing of graves and candlelighting

6:30 PM – **Barona**, Mass and Blessing of graves, reading of names and candlelighting

**Sunday, November 6** – Daylight savings time ends at 2:00 AM. We will “fall back” one hour.  
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## **Prayer for the Gift of Life**

O God, who adorn creation with splendor and beauty  
and fashion human lives in your image and likeness,  
awaken in every heart  
reverence for the work of your hands,  
and renew among your people  
a readiness to nurture and sustain

your precious gift of human life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **PASTOR'S DESK**

### **Healing and Gratitude**

#### **A reflection on the 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We all experience at different times in our lives various kinds of alienation, for example, receiving the silent treatment from another, being shown a cold shoulder, holding an unpopular opinion. In all these cases, the alienation can be overcome; we can usually talk out misunderstandings and hurts. This Sunday the gospel records an extreme kind of alienation that could not be overcome by talking things out. Ten lepers, from "a distance," cry out to Jesus for pity. How did the ten lepers, who cannot take part in the social and religious activities of the community, know Jesus well enough to address him by name (Jesus, Master!)? No doubt, word of Jesus' healing miracles spread even to these outcasts. No doubt, they clutched a straw of hope that Jesus could heal them and erase their separation. Jesus did just this-and so much more for one of them.

One leper is very different from the other nine, although all are healed. He alone returned to Jesus to give thanks for being healed. But the gospel is telling us even more: the leper's return revealed a depth of faith that Jesus acknowledged as a sign of salvation ("your faith has saved you"). This faith led him to turn from the command of Jesus ("Go show yourselves to the priests"), which would have fulfilled the ancient law concerning restoration of lepers to the community. Instead, the Samaritan leper returns to the Source of his healing. Jesus is not only the one who healed him of his leprosy but, more important, he is One who drew him to act on the faith that assured him of the new life of restoration and salvation. Faith is discovering who Jesus is; salvation is the lifelong journey of returning to and encountering him.

Both the first reading and the gospel present a foreign leper who asks for healing, obeys what is commanded, experiences healing, and then worships God. The distinctive element is found in the gospel

where encounter with Jesus leads to the declaration, "your faith has saved you." Salvation is not freedom from disease but relationship with Christ.

The leper was healed while "Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem." This is what happens to us when by paschal mystery living we walk with Jesus to Jerusalem: on the way we are healed of our infirmities. We are healed each time we come to Eucharist to give praise and thanks to God, and in this act of worship we become more perfect members of the Body of Christ. We are healed each time we put others ahead of ourselves and in these simple acts we strengthen our faith. We are healed each time we pause a few seconds to "give thanks to God" for the many blessings of each day because by giving thanks to God we acknowledge that God has acted in Christ. Gratitude is an expression of paschal mystery living because by giving thanks we acknowledge our own indebtedness -we are poor and everything we are and are becoming is because God has raised us up.

God gives us so much (salvation) and asks so little of us in return (faith and thankfulness). This is but another reminder that our relationship to God isn't between equals-God's gifts are lavish, far more than anything we could earn or accomplish on our own. This is why paschal mystery living makes such good sense. By living Jesus' dying and rising in our own simple everyday task we render God the greatest thanks and worship because our lives become like that of the divine Son. Our thanks is manifestation of God's salvation. I want to end with a quote from Bishop Tom Wright, an English New Testament scholar, Pauline Theologian and an Anglican Bishop:

***"We know with our heads, if we have any Christian faith at all, that our God is the giver of all good things: every mouthful of food we take, every breath of air we inhale, every note of music we hear, every smile on the face of a child, a friend, a spouse- all that and a million things more, are gifts from his generosity."***