

Weekend of October 23, 2022 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, Nov 1st – 8:00 AM, All Saints Day mass, Barona

Wednesday, Nov 2nd – 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.



Donna Marie Hall passed away on Sept. 23, 2022 in Seattle, Washington, after many years of struggling with Alzheimer's. Nearly forty years ago, she became an active member of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, teaching catechism and singing in the choir. A memorial service will be held at 10:00am on Friday, Nov. 4 at the parish, followed by a coffee and cookie reception in the clubhouse. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Alzheimer's Association (alz.org) in Donna's name.

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

Saturday: 5:00 PM mass

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 – 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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

“LORD, Be MERCIFUL to ME, a SINNER.”

A reflection on the 30th Week in Ordinary Time

One of the often-repeated themes of Sacred Scripture is the special care God has for the poor, the underprivileged, and the outcasts of society. We find that theme in today's readings. The Old Testament prophet, Sirach, says *“the Lord God hears the cry of the oppressed and he is not deaf to the wail of the orphan; the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.”* that, by the way, is sheer poetry. Usually, the responsorial psalm is a kind of reflection on and a repetition of the theme of the first reading. And sure enough, in today's responsorial psalm, after each verse comes the refrain: *“The Lord hears the cry of the poor.”*

St. Luke is especially known for his sympathy for the plight of the outcasts. His gospel is sometimes called the gospel of the great pardons, for he tells the stories of the woman taken in adultery, the forgiveness of the paralytic, and the good thief on the cross. Today he tells the memorable story of the Pharisee and the tax collector (years ago the tax collector was called the publican).

If ever there was an outcast of society in the time of Jesus, it was the local tax collector. He had plenty of power and plenty of money, most of it skimmed off the taxes he collected. He had the power to make the final decision on how much each family must pay. But he had no friends. As Mother Theresa points out, *“the poorest of the poor are those who are unloved.”* And the tax collector was the greatest of the unloved. But in this parable, the tax collector has repented all the crimes that he committed. He kneels in the very back of the temple, unworthy to approach the altar and confesses his sinfulness to the Lord.

The Pharisee, standing proudly in the front of the temple, trumpets his achievements. I once heard a story about a “man who always found fault with everyone, and especially his wife. She could do nothing right. One morning she asked what he wanted for breakfast. He said: I want some O.J., coffee, bacon, toast, and 2 eggs, one fried, one scrambled. She worked hard to prepare the best possible meal, set it on the table, then waited for his approval. He

looked at the meal and said, “You’ve done it again; you scrambled the wrong egg.”

The Pharisee in the parable was like that man. Nobody except him could do anything right. “I thank you that I am not like the rest of men grasping, crooked, like this miserable tax collector.

The man who went home from the temple justified was the tax collector, the one who recognized his sinfulness and asked for God's mercy.

When we read the parables, we usually identify with one of the characters depicted in the story. If I were to ask with whom in this story you most easily identify, you would probably say the tax collector. That means we like what he did. But it also means we think we are more like him than we are like the Pharisee. And that is something we need to question. If most of us are like the tax collector, there would be no point in Jesus telling this story. He suggests, ever so subtly, that maybe we are sometimes very much like the Pharisee.

Jesus asks us to reflect on the Pharisaic acts of our own lives, the times we judged, and we were better than others, the times we didn't give to the poor or to the missions or to local needy persons because we felt we had already done our fair share. The times we heard the invitation at the beginning of mass “let us call to mind our sins and failures of the past” then spent the next moments in blank thought because we could remember nothing in our past for which we had remorse, or because we thought “we have done this so often in the past it isn't important to do it again.

Today, we are asked to reflect on these and other pharisaic actions of our lives, then to begin our mass by saying with the tax collector, and saying it with conviction:

“Lord be merciful to me a sinner: I confess to Almighty God and ask all the angels and saints and you, my brothers and sisters on whom I have so often looked down to pray for me to the lord our God.”