# Weekend of August 31

Twenty-second 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 Church

Confessions: By appointment only

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Michele Nikas Beaman, John Nikas, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, George Arviso, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Paolo Espiritu, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke, Jeff Ashii, Rosario and Paul Estepa, Haley Price, Mark Marquez, Lulu Cabinatan, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Rudy Duerro, Don Speer, Meta Roubedeaux, Eileen Hansotte, DJ LaChappa, Michael McKnight, Lulu Cabinatan, Donald Lee, Gabriel Marquez, Sr., Joseph Kardian, Bear Cuero, Frances Banegas, Diane Robetkey, Ed Sloan, Cindy McAllister, Flora Keldani and Gene Cortez, Antonio Sunga, Paul Castello, Robert Kuhl, Joyce Rottenberg, Johnny Valencic, Kelly Bonde, Lucinda Thompson, Eva Walters, Spud Brown, Joseph Villaverde, Edna Gomez, Verta Tuck, Jack Ramirez, Rudy Duero,

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Humility is needed for those who choose to serve. Recognize your gifts and offer them in humble service.

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 1-800-553-3321

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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



**Monday, September 1** – Labor Day

<u>Wednesday, September 3</u> – Religious Education classes begin.

<u>Sat, Sept 6 & Sunday Sept 7</u> – Rev. Fr. Paul Rajkumar will be our priest for masses, he is our guest priest for Mission Appeals.

<u>Sunday, September 14</u> – Children's Mass at all reservations

<u>Sunday, September 16</u> –6:30 PM at Rincon Hall, **Last planning meeting for Indigenous Day mass** The mass will be held on Friday, 9/26/25 at 10:00 AM, Rincon, St. Bartholomew Mission church.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/OCIA

Classes will resume Wednesday, Sept. 3rd

**Barona K-8th** (with Alyssa Parada): 4:00 PM

Sacramental Education for youth who are pursuing confirmation:

Barona (with Mark Price): 4:30 PM

Viejas/Sycuan (with Mark Price): 3:00 PM

ADULT OCIA ages 18 and older (with Judy Robinson at Barona): 6:00 PM

Any questions? Please contact Judy Robinson or church office at 619-443-3412 or bktparish@aol.com

# **PASTOR'S CORNER**

## The Greatest Among You Must Be the Servant of All

A reflection on the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings this Sunday remind us that humility is the heart of true greatness in the eyes of God. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches: "When you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place ... for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 14:10–11)

In our culture today, humility often seems undervalued. People are praised for power, wealth, and influence. Yet our Native ancestors understood that true leadership was never about prestige, but about service to the people. A chief was not the one who sat above everyone else, but the one who carried the burdens of the community, protected the weak, and gave generously from what he had.

Jesus' teaching calls us to this same way of living: to choose the lowly place, to seek not recognition but responsibility, not honor but service. Around the fire at gatherings, elders would often let the youngest be fed first, or they themselves would eat last. This echoes Christ's wisdom that to be first in the Kingdom of God means being the servant of all.

This way of humility and service brings harmony to families, parishes, and communities. It breaks down divisions and builds trust. It reminds us that everything we are and have is gift—from Creator, from the land, from one another. When we live with humble gratitude, we begin to see

the world not as something to conquer, but as something to care for and share.

As we prepare for the Eucharist this Sunday, may we come with humble hearts, remembering that Christ, our Creator made flesh, humbled himself to wash the feet of his disciples and gave his life for all. Let us follow his example of self-giving love, so that in our homes, our communities, and our tribal nations, we may build a world marked by compassion and service.

# A PRAYER on HUMILITY & SERVICE *Creator God,*

You who made the mountains, rivers, and valleys,

teach us to walk humbly upon this earth. Grant us the wisdom to serve one another with love.

to care for our elders with respect, to guide our young with patience, and to honor You in all we do.
May the spirit of Your Son, who came not to be served but to serve, dwell in our hearts and make us instruments of peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

