

Weekend of November 6, 2022 Thirty-second 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

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, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Nicanor and Evacueto Elman, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega

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

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 13 – Children’s mass at all reservations.

Thursday, November 24 –8:00 AM - Barona, Thanksgiving Day mass



Services for Danny Black

Saturday, November 5 – 2:00 p.m. – Rosary Vigil at El Cajon Mortuary

Saturday, November 12 – 10:00 a.m. – Memorial services at Viejas Mission Church

Prayer for Deceased Veterans

O God,
By whose mercy the faithful departed find rest,
Look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country.
Grant that through the passion, death and resurrection of your son
they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTOR'S CORNER

AFTERLIFE

How do we prepare for it?

A reflection on the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

There's an amusing story about a widow who dies and went to heaven. While walking around her new place, she saw her husband walking hand-in-hand with another woman.

The wife was furious and confronted him, "Hey, why are you with her. You're married to me. You're committing adultery!"

The husband laughed and replied, "Didn't we say 'Till death do us part?' So this is allowed now."

The husband was correct, but the wife should have quoted what the Lord said: "In the age to come, there's no more marrying and giving to marriage for the children of the resurrection will be like angels."

In this 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Gospel (Lk 20: 27-38), this is exactly what the Lord said in His conversation with some Sadducees about bodily resurrection. A very conservative group, the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection of the dead or future life. They are trying to test Jesus on the subject by presenting a ridiculous hypothetical case: "There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and died without children; and the second and third up to the seventh leaving no children and died. Afterwards the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife" (Lk 20: 29-33).

Your initial reaction might be: "She must be a bionic woman! Imagine seven husbands and all died successively! Anyway, the Sadducees are not looking for an answer, but rather are trying to reduce the idea of the resurrection to the absurd. Cynically, they are trying to show that bodily resurrection is ridiculous.

Jesus retorts that they are too worldly, too materialistic to understand the resurrection. Those raised to new life, he continues, will live not as on earth, i.e., marrying, but with a totally new life having a "glorified body." (Which leaves us Catholic priests celibate again!)

What kind of body is this? We don't know exactly but we do have an idea from Christ's glorified body. He told the apostles, "Touch me, and see that a ghost does not have flesh and bones as I do" (Lk 24, 39). At the same time, his body differed from his former earthly body. He could pass through locked doors. He could appear and reappear.

Based on the teachings of the Lord, we believe that there is life after death. This is affirmed as a fundamental teaching (dogma) of the Catholic faith and other denominations. The important thing is: Are we prepared to enter that life beyond? How do we prepare for it?

One way is by being faithful to our particular calling – whether you're a layman, religious, or whatever state of life you are in. How are you living the life God has given you? As the writer Grantland Rice puts it: "For when the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He writes – not that you won or lost – but how you played the game."

Another way of preparing for the afterlife is through good deeds. In the gospel according to St. Matthew, we will be judged on the basis of good deeds. (Matt 25, 31 ff.)

Elsewhere Jesus exhorts: "Lay up treasures in heaven where neither rust nor moth can destroy or thieves break in and steal" (Mt 6, 20).

Finally, Jesus categorically said: "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood will have eternal life." Do we really take to heart the Lord's words? Do we value and receive this Food at Mass which assures us of eternal life?

The French novelist Leon Bloy once wrote: "The only tragedy in life is not to be a saint." In short, the only tragedy is not to get to heaven.

What are you doing to attain eternal life? Are you so busy with making a living and with worldly concerns that you've no more time for God?

