

Weekend of November 8, 2020

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

Sunday: Sunday 8:00 AM. @ Clubhouse

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 12:00 noon @ the Church

Confessions: By appointment only



Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony and Diana Pico, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Helen Cadiente, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Agnes Ruiz, Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Debbie Gonzalez, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Anthony Harut Haurutuynian, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Eugene "Gino" Vicaldo, Skylar Rosas, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Crispin Echiverri, Elvira Hapin, Elaine Necochea

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

PARTICIPATE IN MASS

by livestreaming with Fr. Herman

Please note weekday Mass time change

Weekdays, Tues-Friday at 8:00 AM,

Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel

New Mass Schedule due to the Covid-19 guidelines

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM Barona @ the Church

****Note change of location** Sunday 8:00AM -**

Barona @ the Clubhouse

Sunday 10:30 AM - Viejas @ the Church

Sunday 12:00 PM noon - Sycuan in the Church

Wednesday, November 11 – Veterans Day



VETERANS DAY PRAYER

**Lord God, Almighty Father,
Creator of Mankind and author of Peace.
As we are ever mindful of the cost paid for
the liberty we possess,
We ask you to bless the members of our
armed forces. Give them courage, hope and
strength.
May they ever experience your firm support,
gently love and compassionate healing.
Be their power and protector, leading them
from darkness to light. To you be all glory,
honor and praise, now and forever.
Amen.**

-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

2021 Calendars will be available now after Sunday mass. Please pick up from table.



BEING PREPARED

A reflection on the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

If there is one thing that I learned in life, it is “Being Prepared” always. It was a slogan that I kept in my heart when I was young from being a Boy Scout and continue to practice up to this time.

Be Prepared is the motto that Jesus is telling all of us that we must have. This is the point of the parable in today’s gospel reading.

I still remember the time when a late uncle who was living here in the US came over for a visit to our hometown, Ilocos Norte in the Philippines. During his visit, there was a typhoon alert. It was Signal No. 3. What usually happens is that the river overflows and our barrio get flooded. So, we tried to bring up everything that we had from the first floor to the second floor. When everything was finished, my uncle said he was going to bed. He was tired of course from both travelling and helping us out to move things. He said he wasn’t going to wait to see what would happen next. Being a faithful Catholic in his whole life, he **was prepared** for meeting his Savior and wasn’t going to let the possibility of a typhoon interfere with his sleep time just in case he wasn’t going to be getting up in the morning.

Being prepared is important no matter how old we are. Being ready isn’t just for old people. Just read or listen the news about people who die unexpectedly in car and motorcycle accidents every day. We do not know when our end time will be. The question is not “when is it?” The question is, “**are we prepared** to wait and be ready?”

In our Gospel today, we hear Jesus say, “stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” In the previous chapter of the gospel, Jesus says, “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” And, St. Paul tells us in the second reading, “For you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.”

Well, I think that we all get the message: We do not know when our own end time will be. The only thing we can do is to **be prepared** for whenever it happens.

Today’s gospel reading is a parable. Parables are an interesting way of telling a story so that people will remember it. It is important to remember at least two other things about a parable. First, a parable makes a single point. Today that point is that we must **be prepared** no matter how long we have to wait. The parable is not about some of the virgins sharing with the others. What is required for entrance to the Lord’s banquet cannot be loaned or given by another. It must be procured by oneself. The second thing about a parable: it is not about somebody else; it is about **us**. So, Jesus is calling **us** to conversion and reform!

So, how do we reform? How do we **prepare**? The gospel tells us that the virgins with the extra oil were “wise.” Wise means being prudent or sensible. The first reading tells us that we can find Wisdom if we seek her. Wisdom is more than knowledge—it is practical or useful knowledge. Therefore, if we understand the main point of the parable and we are wise, we are called to examine our lives. Real wisdom tells us that to prepare we must order our lives; we must set priorities. And, God must be first!

Once our priorities are in the right order, we can fine-tune them for the rest of our lives. We must realize that God is in control of our lives, not us. We must become less self-centered. Allowing God to be more in control is not easy and is a life-long process.

Being prepared is nothing new; we do it all the time in the secular world. What good is a left-behind life jacket on a sinking boat? What if we begin a trip to a foreign country without a passport? How can we begin to prepare for an exam when the test is today?

If the second coming of Jesus were to take place on our way home from Mass, what is one way that we

would be caught off guard and not be prepared to meet the God who has been waiting for us and loves us so very much?

