

Weekend of November 12
Thirty-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

Confessions: By appointment only

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Vicaldo Family, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Wendy Reyes, Irmira Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, George Arviso, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Juan Miguel, Bert Zita, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Romero Family, Annie McTavish, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Blanca Lechner, Virginia Brynwood, Paolo Espiritu, John Clark, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Mark Noriega, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke, Colleen Crowden, Jeff Ashii, Pamela Nolan CSC, Rosario and Paul Estepa, Robbie Welch

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Barona – Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. with Alyssa Parada.

Sacramental Preparation with Mark Price are ongoing each Wednesday.

Viejas – 3:00 PM

Barona – 4:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sat/Sun, Nov. 18 & 19 –

National Needs collection. Envelopes will be in back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Thursday, Nov. 23 –

Thanksgiving Day mass – 8:00 AM at Barona

Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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PRAYER for Troops and Veterans

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, gentle 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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

**How to Get Prepared
to See the Lord**

A reflection on the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Usually, when we are close toward the end of a liturgical year (A this year), we hear “End of the Times” readings in our Masses. Today, in this Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are reminded to always “GET READY” anytime because we just do not know when our Lord calls us back home to heaven.

“Being Prepared” is a motto that I learned from being a Boy Scout in Grade School and kept into my heart and continue to practice up to this time. It is also 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 and it was Signal No. 3. What usually happens is that the river overflows and our barrio gets 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 also 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 have the opportunity to 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 and 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?

