

Weekend of November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

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. @ 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 12:00 noon @ the Church

Confessions: By appointment only



Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony Pico, Dolly Albano, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Agnes Ruiz, Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Cameron Welch, Christine Therese Macaraeg, Beverly Means

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (K-High School)

Class held on Thursday at 3:00 p.m.



Family Advent Activities

Donate food items to a local pantry

Do random acts of kindness

Do a holiday puzzle together

Choose outgrown toys and clothes and donate to charity

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

December 4, 5 and 6 – Advent Retreat, 6:30 PM,
Barona

December 6 – Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – Sycuan Feast Day
and Memorial Feast of Immaculate Conception–

All reservations invited, followed by reception
Mass –6:00 – Sycuan

Friday, December 24, 2021 – Christmas Eve

Masses

4:00 PM Sycuan

7:00 PM Viejas

10:00 PM Barona

Christmas Day, Saturday 25, 2021– Christmas Day
Mass

8:00 AM Barona

Sunday, December 26 – All Reservations, mass
usual times

New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31, 2021 –
5:00 pm mass, Barona

ADVENT RETREAT 2021 ***Forgiveness: A Restorative Approach*** ***by Fr. Frank Tinajero, SVD***

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When: December 4, 5, 6

Where: St. Kateri Tekakwitha Community –
Barona Parish Hall

1054 Barona Road, Lakeside

Time: 6:30 PM

Advent Retreat

Advent is a time for us to dispose ourselves to welcome and embrace the Lord. This holy season challenges all of us to prepare ourselves to discover His presence in our human reality. It is a time to let go of those things that get in the way of welcoming Jesus again in our lives today.

During this holy season, we continue to listen to that voice in the desert crying out, “Repent and prepare for His coming by making straight our paths.” The goal of this retreat will be to help us prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus again. Finding Jesus through forgiveness. Using a restorative justice approach, we will pave the way, allowing the Lord to come again and enter our human reality.



WAIT AND HOPE

A reflection on the First Sunday of Advent

Happy New Liturgical Year! Today we begin with the season of Advent. The word “advent” comes from the Latin “*adventus*” meaning, “to come.” But what is it that we are waiting for? The world would have us think that we are waiting for the birth of the Child Jesus at Christmas – after all, we’ve had Christmas decorations up for a while now. In fact, some in the Church would tell you that this is what we are waiting for.

But the reality is quite different. We have already had the birth of Christ. He was born some 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem. The Church reminds us of a cycle of life over the course of the year. This cycle begins with the anticipation of the birth, the birth, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus – all within the space of a few months. The remainder of the year is when the Church has us live out these special events.

But what is it that we are awaiting? What is to come?

Our Gospel today speaks of “signs” in the heavens – the sun, the moon, and the stars in dismay. People will be confused and wandering looking for something, anything that will provide them some comfort, something that they can hold on when everything seems so precarious, so perishable, so petty.

These are the signs of the second coming. They are also the signs that the enemy uses to confuse and conflict us. Think back to the fear and uncertainty as we neared the end of the 20th century. So many were afraid that the world would come to an end before the arrival of the 21st century. Yet here we are, living and breathing and praising God.

So, what is it that we are awaiting? What is to come?

We await the Second Coming, the *Parousia* (pronounced par-our-see-ah). This Second Coming will mean the full establishment of the Kingdom of God. The problem, of course, is that we don’t know when it will arrive! So, we remind ourselves of our need to wait while remembering what has already come to pass.

But we do look at the birth of the infant Jesus, not as if it were to happen, but because of what it means for us. A child needs to be cared for, nurtured, fed, bathed, held and loved. This is, in fact, our task. While we await the Second Coming, we are to care for the Kingdom that is already and not yet. We are to serve each other and the Church. We are the ones who will feed and bathe and clothe and love. We are the ones who will teach, who will build up, who will share our faith with those who come after us.

On this First Sunday of Advent, we are reminded that we can spend all our time waiting and doing nothing, or we can be about our Father’s business while we wait. It is on this that we will be judged. It is on this that our very lives depend.

The last three words of the Alexandre Dumas novel *The Count of Monte Cristo* present for us a summary of our attitude: wait and hope. But while we wait and hope, we must also work!

HAPPY ADVENT!