

# Weekend of November 29, 2020

## 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 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 Haurutyunian, 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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St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish  
1054 Barona Road, Lakeside, CA 92040

Thank you so much for your continued support.

## 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**

**Sunday 8:00AM - Barona @ the Shrine**

**Sunday 10:30 AM - Viejas @ the Shrine**

**Sunday 12:00 PM noon – Sycuan, outside of the church**

**Thursday, December 24– Christmas Eve Mass**

**Sycuan - 4:00 PM**

**Viejas - 6:00 PM**

**Barona - 8:00 PM**

**Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day Mass,**

**Barona 8:00 AM**

**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection**

**December 12-13, 2020**

*In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities.*

*This December please consider donating to help with the care of those retired religious sisters, brothers and order priests from the diocese. Thank you for your generosity.*

### **Advent Wreath Blessing**

*God of hope and love,  
we praise you for sending Jesus, your Son,  
to save us from our sins  
and to be the light in our darkness.*

*Bless us as we gather in his name,  
and bless this wreath as a sign of your unending love and  
of Jesus' presence among us.*

*Keep us watchful in prayer  
as we await his return in glory.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,  
in eternal glory,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*



## **BE WATCHFUL. BE ALERT!**

**A reflection on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**HAPPY ADVENT! HAPPY NEW LITURGICAL  
YEAR!**

In 79 AD, when the ancient Roman city of Pompeii was destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, many people were buried in the ruins who were afterwards found in various positions. Some were found in deep vaults, as if they had gone there for protection. Others were found in lofty chambers. But they found the Roman sentinel standing at the city gate where he had been assigned by his captain, with his hand still grasping his spear.

Today is the First Sunday of ADVENT, the beginning of the church's liturgical calendar. And the call is "be watchful;" "be alert." You do not know when the lord of the house will come. He may find you sleeping (Mark 13:35).

The message does not mean that we are literally in a state of dormition— although some people are perennially in that state! It means rather that we are awake and watchful for the coming of the Lord doing our duties

and responsibilities faithfully, like that Roman sentinel did.

As we enter the church's New Year, we would do well to pause and ponder where our life is heading to. Am I making any spiritual progress or am I retrogressing? Or making a change for the better or for the worse?

A story is told about an escaped convict from Devil's Island, the penal colony off the French Guiana coast. The man was sentenced to life imprisonment in connection with a murder in Marseilles. While in prison, he suffered remorse of conscience for his crime and in reparation, since he was a doctor, he devoted the remaining years of his life to curing the sick on the island. When he died at 72, several hundred people gathered to pay their last respects to the man who had done so much to heal their physical illnesses.

From a murderer, he became a healer and a hero. This true story illustrates how we, too, can rise from our sinful past and live a worthwhile life. And it happened because the man woke up to the call of renewal from within.

There is no real transformation in society unless there is an inner personal transformation. For whatever is wrong with society is the accumulated result of whatever is wrong with the people who compose it.

Who fight senseless wars, who kill and steal, who pollute our environment and denude our forests? Society doesn't do it, people do. Hence, if more and more individuals change for the better, then society will likewise change for the better.

The word Advent comes from the Latin word ADVENTUM which means literally "coming." May Advent not only refer to the coming of Santa Claus, Christmas bonuses, sumptuous parties, and gift-giving but more

especially OUR coming to the Lord through  
moral transformation.