

# Weekend of December 5, 2021

## Second Sunday of Advent

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

**December 4, 5 and 6 – Advent Retreat, 6:30 PM,  
Barona - *Forgiveness: A Restorative Approach*  
by Fr. Frank Tinajero, SVD**

**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**

### **On Going to a Family Gathering**

God of love, we give you praise and glory.  
Thank you for making us a family,  
brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.  
Be with us in times of joy and sorrow,  
And help us in all our needs.  
Protect us now  
As we travel to our family gathering.  
Let our celebration  
Give us the happiness that Jesus knew  
in the company of his family and friends.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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**

- Decorate your room for Christmas
- Read a holiday book
- Look through old photos & family movies (and share memories of holidays past!)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# The Joy of Salvation

A reflection on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

During the Advent Season which begins with the fourth Sunday before Christmas, we re-live again each year, the preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

As we do this, we review the past year – its failures and successes – its fears and its delights – good and bad believe it or not make up a balanced life experience.

Last week the readings and liturgy focused on “Our Liberation from Fear” and we were given a glimpse of hope when we were told “Days are coming – dwell in confidence – God will fulfill His promise to those who practice honesty and integrity. We were told of signs – bewilderment – fear and menace to the world – but liberation is near – watch yourselves – be prepared – stay awake.

Today we commence the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent, and we are told of the Joy of Salvation. We think about the signs – bewilderment and fear throughout the world, and in the poetic language of the Prophet we are comforted – calmed – and we see the love of God – God remembering His people. “Take off your dress of sorrow and distress – wrap the cloak of integrity of God around you – put on the Glory of God.”

We are offered peace through integrity, and honor through devotedness. Nothing for nothing! The Joy of Salvation is near – but we have to play our part in order to make it happen.

St Paul tells the Philippians that the one who began the good work of their [and for that matter] our salvation will see it through to the finish – but to achieve this we must increase our love for each other – improve our knowledge – deepen our perception. We have to get to know what it is that God wants of us – get to know our faith – study it – and pray – prepare the way for the Lord! We must fill the valleys of our lives and make His paths straight. What a novel idea! How often don’t we look at our lives – our circumstances – and say “Lord we need help” – and sit back giving Him space to do His work and help us. We leave Him with the problem to make His

path straight to us instead of really reaching out to the Lord.

We know Christmas is coming – it will every year – and we will celebrate, some more than others, and we do realize we are celebrating the fact that Jesus our Savior was born – and sometimes we even think about what this means to us – but how often do we think about the fact that he will come again? As we prepare for Christmas and that day gets closer, we can easily get drawn into the “Baby Jesus syndrome” and the holidays which are around the corner – so much so that we might just forget that our salvation is not quite complete. We still have our lives to live, and we have our part to play before that Joy of Salvation is experienced fully.

We need to do as much, if not more, today than what was required from our forefathers. Bewilderment and fear are not uncommon experiences in our lives, and we need to work on our faith – our religious convictions – improve our knowledge – and increase our love for each other.

It is our task to evangelize – spread the true meaning of Christmas in our world, in our time, by word as well as example. If we do this, we will truly experience the Joy of Salvation.

