

Weekend of December 6, 2020

Second 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 Haurutuynian, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Eugene "Gino" Vicaldo, Skylar Rosas, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Crispin Echeverri, 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

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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

Sunday 8:00AM - Barona @ the Shrine

Sunday 10:30 AM - Viejas @ the Church

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

Sunday, December 13, 12:30 PM – Sycuan, Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass

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.

CALENDARS

2021 Calendars are now available, please let us know if you would like one.

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths”

A reflection of the 2nd Sunday of Advent

The words, and certainly the dress of John the Baptist, strike us as odd. It is not that we are unfamiliar with his unusual attire and famous line: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” We know John the Baptist and his words well. Every year, on the second Sunday of Advent, we read a similar passage from one of the gospels covering his role in the story of Christ. No biblical figure announces the coming of the Lord better than him.

Yet, no matter how well he fits the role or how many times we try to picture John the Baptist in our mind, his eating honey crisped locusts and wearing a camel’s hair coat—not the dapper dinner jacket variety—but the real hide of a camel—and his cry in the desert— make him a little too bizarre to really fit into our reality, let alone invite over for dinner.

Because of his weird personality, we are unlikely to connect our lives to his, or his mission to our own. He is just too strange. He belongs out in the desert. So, we isolate him in our mind. He is a biblical figure marooned on the island of Advent. However, John the Baptist’s words and mission should not seem so distant to us nor should his work be as one-time event. We hear his words and are called to his mission at each mass. In fact, one of the major objectives of mass is to inspire us to be like John the Baptists—not complete with the diet and odd clothes—but to be straighteners of paths and heralds of God’s presence in the world.

At each mass, we are sent out to reconstruct the world in accord with the word of God we hear proclaimed. We are called to create the communion we share in the meal and sacrifice we celebrate here together out there in the world.

It is not by accident that our mass ends with “Go in peace and Love to serve the Lord.” It may not be as obvious as handing out camel hair coats, sandals, and

honey-covered locusts as we exit the church. But we cannot overlook that we are called to be John the Baptist by these final words.

At each mass, we are commissioned to make the many crooked streets in the consumer driven desert we live in straight by proclaiming Christ’s teachings. If we are attentive to what we say and do here together, John the Baptist should be far less a stranger to us than his immediate appearance suggests. We should recognize him as:

..... *the forerunner to the soup kitchen organizer who calls us to join to bring Christ and his peace to those in need of food and love.*

..... *the example for civil rights demonstrators who led marches against segregation and discrimination in this country and continue to do so in countries still rife with oppression and racism.*

..... *the peace protester asking for an end to war and the abortion clinic picketer who pleads with social services agencies to provide another way for scared teenagers.*

..... *the model for all those voices heard in the desert. And, most importantly, he is our model. John the Baptist reminds us that we must courageously step out of the crowd and identify those things in the world that are not in accord with God’s will. Furthermore, he reminds us that we must be willing to go where the problem is. This does not always mean Washington DC or the State House where we may be comfortable to speak on behalf of others. It means going to the problem areas themselves to be in solidarity with those most affected by the crooked paths of our society, the poor in the developing world, the children in warzones, the addicted in bars. Not always so dramatic, being John the Baptist may mean going on mission locally to the economically depressed areas of our city.*

..... *So, how about imagining if there were hundreds of John the Baptists who were ready to deploy themselves to the war-torn parts of the world—how much quicker we would have peace.*

For all of us, being John the Baptist is as much a process of personal conversion as it is a commitment to reconstructing the world according to God’s plan. We cannot do in the world what we are unwilling to do in our own hearts. We cannot remove lust from the streets, if we cannot get it out of our own hearts. We cannot end poverty if we cannot

control our own personal greed and desire for luxury.

As we prepare our hearts and world for the birth of Christ, let us seek with serious intention to accept our role as builders of peace and heralds of the child we await. Let us be genuine and thorough in our preparation, mindful that John the Baptist was not only a model Christian, he was our faith's first martyr----- a gift we find hard to give in any season.