

Weekend of December 13, 2020

Third 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 Echiverri, Elvira Hapin, Elaine Necochea

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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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

*****PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGES*****

Thursday, December 24– Christmas Eve Mass

Sycuan - 3:00 PM

Viejas - 5:00 PM

Barona - 7:00 PM

Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day Mass,

Barona, 9:00 AM



Psalm 46: An Advent Prayer

God is for us a refuge and strength...

*So we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
Though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea;
even though its waters rage and foam,
even though the mountains be shaken by its tumult.*

*The waters of river give joy to God's city,
The holy place, the abode of the Most High.
God is within her, she cannot be shaken.*

*God puts an end to wars over all the earth;
breaking bows, snapping spears, and burning shields
with fire:*

*“Be still and know that I am God,
Exalted over nations, exalted over earth!”
-Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 10-11*



Rejoice! Be Joyful! **A reflection on the Third Sunday of Advent**

In a class on homiletics, the professor emphasized the importance of making the facial expression harmonize with the homily. “When you speak of Heaven,” he said, “let your face light up with a heavenly gleam; let your eyes shine with glory. But when you speak of Hell — your ordinary face will do.”

Gaudete, which means “*rejoice*,” “*be joyful*,” is the message of this 3rd Sunday of Advent. That’s why rose pink is the liturgical color of today. At Mass, the pink colored is lighted and so is my chasuble or my priestly vestments.

With the birth of Christ, the Messiah, the Sunday tells us to be “joyful in hope” because the Messiah has already redeemed us and now, we should do our part in saving ourselves.

During the time of John the Baptist, people did not know “who” or “where” the Messiah was. People kept looking for Him to come in the guise of some kind of Elijah or their imagining.

The people asked John: “Are you the Messiah?” “No, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Make straight His path” (John 1:23). The people then kept missing who the Messiah was when in fact He was right in their midst, prompting the Baptist to exclaim,

“There is one among you whom you do not know” (Jn 1:26).

One of my SVD confreres shared with me that in one of his pilgrimages to the Holy Land, his group visited the tomb of King David highly revered by the Jews. In the course of the tour, he asked the lady tour guide, “What about Jesus Christ? How do you regard Him?” The lady looked sharply at him, her face stiffening, and blurted, “Jesus Christ was an impostor, an ordinary person; he doesn’t mean anything to us.” He was taken aback and much embarrassed before the group. So he hurriedly left the shrine — afraid another one would be buried in the tomb!

How about our modern times? Would we miss the Lord and, worse, reject Him like His countrymen did? Some say, “If we lived in Christ’s time, we would have loved and followed Him.” Is that really true?

Then why is it in our celebration of Christmas, for instance, we are so much engrossed with Christmas shopping, gift-giving, eating, and drinking that we forget the reason why we’re doing all this?

There is a story about an elderly lady passing in front of a big mall. Seeing the beautiful crib of a Nativity Set amidst the lights and Christmas trees outside, she said: “Good Lord, they are putting back Christ to Christmas!”

Or, why don’t we recognize Him in our fellowmen especially among the poor, for whom Jesus said: “Whatever you did to the least of My brethren, you did to Me”? If we are keenly aware of God’s presence in them, would we abuse, torture, or murder them?

Advent and Christmas are opportunities for us to renew our faith in Jesus. Despite our problems and seemingly hopeless condition in this pandemic crisis, Jesus is our hope and our joy. Don’t take your problems TOO seriously. Jesus came to save us.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice
Happy Gaudete Sunday!

