

Weekend of December 31, 2023

HOLY FAMILY

Barona:

Mass: Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM. @ Shrine

Saturday: 5:00 PM mass

Sunday: Sunday 8:00 AM. @ church

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 12:30 noon @ the Church

Confessions: By appointment only

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Vicaldo Family, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Wendy Reyes, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, George Arviso, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Juan Miguel, Bert Zita, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Romero Family, Annie McTavish, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Blanca Lechner, Paolo Espiritu, John Clark, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Mark Noriega, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke, Colleen Crowden, Jeff Ashii, Pamela Nolan CSC, Rosario and Paul Estepa
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Barona: Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.
with Alyssa Parada*

*Sacramental Preparation with Mark Price are
ongoing each Wednesday.*

Viejas: 3:00 PM

Barona: 4:30 PM

No classes 12/27/23 & 1/3/24 due to the holiday!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

December 25-31, 2023

Monday, Dec. 25: Christmas Day Mass

8:00 AM Mass - Barona

Sunday, Dec 31: Holy Family Mass

8:00 AM - Barona

10:30 AM - Viejas

12:30 - Sycuan

Sunday, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Mass

5:00 PM - Barona

2024

Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 - New Year's Day Mass

8:00 AM - Barona

Sunday, Jan 7, 2024 - Children's Mass, led by

Mark Price at all reservations.



Blessing for a New Year

**Remember us, O God;
From age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
Blessings in days and nights, seasons and
years.**

**Bless your children at the turning of the
year and fill the months ahead with the
bright hope that is ours in the coming of
Christ.**

**You are our God, living and reigning,
forever and ever. Amen.**

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Sacredness of the Holy Family

A reflection on the Solemnity of the Holy Family

A Grade School teacher was telling her class about statistics which indicate that more twins are being born these days than in the past.

"Why?" asked a little boy.

"Because," replied a tiny girl, "little children are afraid to come into the world alone."

That is a very smart remark. With the threat to obstruct birth by means of abortion and artificial contraceptives, with the prospect of broken families, indeed children fear coming out into the world alone! From the beginning God intended that there be a place for parental love, care and affection beginning with infancy when an individual is helpless, a place where he finds warmth and security, where he can make mistakes, where he can grow, where he can be accepted. In short, God intended a family.

Three days after Christmas, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family – that of Joseph, Mary and Jesus. Although Son of God, Jesus became a human child; he grew up in a family. Thus did God sanctify the human family.

The family, as the basic unit of society, ought to be the origin of change in society. If you cannot find the Christian values of honesty, justice, kindness, charity there, you cannot expect to find these outside. For the family is a microcosm (small portion) of society.

Despite their human frailties, parents should constantly strive to show good example.

Once, a teen-aged man Mike confided to his friend, "My dad really impressed me this morning. While I was eating my breakfast, he walked in with his briefcase, put his arms around me and said, 'Have a good day at school, Mike.'"

"Then, for some reason, it dawned on me that he didn't have to be at work till 9:00. It was only 7:45. 'Dad,' I said, 'why do you always leave so early for the office?'"

You don't have to be there till 9:00; it takes only ten minutes to get there.'

"My dad said, 'you're right, Mike, but I usually try to catch the 8:00 Mass at Holy Trinity on my way to work.'

"That impressed me. It never occurred to me that he went to Mass on weekday mornings. He never mentioned it to me before.

"Lately I'd not been going to church on Sunday. He never said to me, 'Look, Mike, I go every day. The least you can do is go on Sunday.' He never threw that at me."

Then Mike smiled and said, "Maybe I should go to Sunday Mass again." As the saying goes, "Values are caught, not taught." If your teen-aged son, for instance, has not been going to church and no amount of counseling works, be patient. Show good example like what the father did in the story.

Today the sacredness and stability of the American family is under grave threat. Due to the economic hardship, families are vulnerable to family break-ups and infidelities with the husband, for instance, working for long hours and late nights. Among the affluent families, parental presence and supervision are sorely lacking. So, absorbed in business and socials, parents have little time for their children.

Parents should always remember their primary task of raising a good Christian family. That is their vocation or God's plan for them. That is the message of the feast of the Holy Family. As the saying goes, "The family that prays together stays together!"

Hope that when 2024 enters, rifts and broken relationships among members of the family will be settled. "Let bygones be bygones. Reconcile with one another and make the New Year filled with love, happiness, and joy because it is through them that Jesus is made present with us.

Happy New Year to all!!!