

Weekend of July 20

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

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....

Michele Nikas Beaman, John Nikas, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, George Arviso, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Paolo Espiritu, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke, Jeff Ashii, Rosario and Paul Estepa, Haley Price, Mark Marquez, Lulu Cabinatan, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Connie Devera, Don Speer, Meta Roubedeaux, Eileen Hansotte, DJ LaChappa, Michael McKnight, Lulu Cabinatan, Donald Lee, Gabriel Marquez, Sr., Joseph Kardian, Bear Cuero, Frances Banegas, Diane Robetkey, Ed Sloan, Cindy McAllister, Flora Keldani and Gene Cortez, Antonio Sunga, Paul Castello, Robert Kuhl, Joyce Rottenberg, Johnny Valencic, Kelly Bonde, Lucinda Thompson, Eva Walters, Spud Brown, Joseph Villaverde, Edna Gomez, Leeanne Hayes
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

New classes will resume in September, please contact church office if interested in enrolling or email bktparish@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Tuesday, 7/15 – 7/18 & Tues., 7/22 –

*There will be **no** 8:00 AM weekday mass at Barona. Morning mass will resume Wednesday, 7/23.*

Tuesday, 7/29 – 6:30 PM at the Barona church office.

Planning for Indigenous Day mass

The mass will be held on Friday, 9/26/25 at Rincon, St. Bartholomew Mission church.

TRAVELER'S PRAYER

Bless me, Lord, as I begin this adventure. Open my eyes to see you in the people I will meet. Open my ears to hear your word in new and surprising ways. Open my hands to be your blessing in whatever situation I find myself. And open my heart to receive you wherever I may go. Protect me from harm as I travel and give your wisdom to those I rely on for my safety. When my travel is ended and my journey complete, bring me home again, renewed by your love. Amen.

Jesus desires that we, like his friend Mary, would spend time in his presence. Take time regularly to be with Jesus and listen to his living word.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Welcoming Christ with a Listening Heart A Reflection on the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 10:38–42), we encounter a moment of deep hospitality. Jesus visits the home of two sisters, Martha and Mary. Martha busies herself with all the preparations, while Mary simply sits at the feet of Jesus, listening to his words. Martha, feeling burdened, asks Jesus to tell Mary to help. But Jesus gently responds, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

This Gospel invites us to consider the balance between doing and being—between service and contemplation. Both are important. But in the eyes of Jesus, it is the heart that listens, that pays attention to the sacred, that opens itself to the presence of God that takes first place.

For many Native peoples, including the Kumeyaay and other tribes across this land, listening is a sacred act. From a young age, children are taught to listen to elders, to the earth, to the wind and water. Wisdom is passed not through rushing and noise, but through silence, patience, and respect. In this way, Mary's listening heart reflects something profoundly familiar in Native spirituality—the understanding that the voice of the Creator often comes quietly, like a whisper in the wind or the rustle of oak leaves.

Martha's anxiety also mirrors some of the struggles many of our community's face. We are often pulled in many directions—by work, by responsibilities, by the weight of past injustices and present challenges. But Jesus reminds us today: "There is need of only one thing." That one thing is a heart attentive to the presence of God in our midst.

In the First Reading (Genesis 18:1–10), Abraham offers hospitality to three mysterious visitors. Without knowing it, he welcomes the presence of God. This story honors the ancient value of welcoming the stranger, of recognizing the sacred in every guest. How fitting this is for Native communities where hospitality is a deeply rooted tradition, and where visitors are treated with generosity and respect.

Let us not forget the teaching of Saint Paul in the Second Reading (Colossians 1:24–28): that Christ is within us—the hope of glory. Our listening, our hospitality, our presence—all become ways we allow that inner light to grow, to be shared, and to heal our communities.

May we, like Mary, sit at the feet of the Creator. May we, like Abraham, welcome the sacred into our lives. And may we, like Paul, carry the presence of Christ in all we do.

Let us pray:

Creator God,

open our hearts to listen as Mary did.

**Teach us to welcome you
not just with our hands,
but with our spirits.**

**Help us to see your sacred presence in
our daily lives,**

in our land, and in one another.

**Strengthen our communities with the
peace**

**that comes from listening, learning,
and loving. Inyaage Hagepey (Amen).**