

## *Weekend of March 1*

### Second Sunday of Lent

**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, Margie Cruz, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet  
Ray, Rose Ramos, Lilly Gautreaux, Jim Hughes, Laurie  
Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal,  
Paolo Espiritu, Tyre Nichols, Jeanette Garcia, Mike  
Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Carol Richardson, Jeff Ashii,  
Rosario and Paul Estepa, Haley Price, Mark Marquez, Lulu  
Cabinatan, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Rudy  
Duerro, Don Speer, Eileen Hansotte, DJ LaChappa,  
Michael McKnight, Lulu Cabinatan, Donald Lee, Gabriel  
Marquez, Sr. , Joseph Kardian, Bear Cuero, Frances  
Banegas, Diane Robetkey, Ed Sloan, Flora Keldani and Gene  
Cortez, Paul Castello, Robert Kuhl, Joyce Rottenberg,  
Johnny Valencic, Kelly Bonde, Lucinda Thompson, Eva  
Walters, Spud Brown, Edna Gomez, Vera Tucker, Jack  
Ramirez, Rudy Duero, John Holsbo, Pat Wooley, Marvi  
Artugue, Yanni Aquino, Cynthia Dominguez, Dr. Gerry  
Directo and  
Baby Selene Vasquez, Paul Darby, Edna Grijalva,  
Clifford LaChappa

*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

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### *News From Religious Education*

3/1: Rite of Calling the Candidate to Continuing Conversion

3/8: 1st Scrutiny for Rowen H & Lenten Retreat

3/15: 2nd Scrutiny for Rowen H

3/22: 3rd Scrutiny for Rowen H

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 3/29 Begins Holy Week

*Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM, Barona.*

*Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel*

## MARCH

**Friday, March 6 – Stations of the Cross, 5:00**

*PM at Barona and every Friday thereafter.*



1. *Jesus is condemned to death.*
2. *Jesus takes up his cross.*
3. *Jesus falls the first time under the cross.*
4. *Jesus meets his afflicted mother.*
5. *Simon of Cyrene is forced to take up the cross.*
6. *Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.*
7. *Jesus falls a second time.*
8. *Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.*
9. *Jesus falls a third time.*
10. *Jesus is stripped of his garments.*
11. *Jesus is nailed to the cross.*
12. *Jesus dies on the cross.*
13. *The body of Jesus is placed in the arms of his mother.*
14. *Jesus is laid in the tomb.*

**Sunday, March 8 – Daylight Savings Time Begins – Reminder to set your clocks ahead one hour.**

**Sunday 3/8 – Tuesday 3/10 - Lenten Retreat. "Becoming Human with Jesus: How to Live Like the Saints"**

*6:30 PM at Barona Clubhouse*

*Speaker: Juliet Mousseau, RSCJ*

*(Please see flier)*

**Saturday, March 14 & Sunday, March 15 – Lenten Collection.** *This collection supports Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa and the Church in Latin America. prepare to*

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## **“Listen to Him”** **Second Sunday of Lent**

There is a story told among elders of a young man who climbed a high mountain for the first time. He struggled along the path, slipping on loose stones, growing tired in the thin air. When he finally reached the summit, he stood still in silence. From that height he could see everything—the river winding below, the villages in the distance, even the path he had taken.

For a moment, everything made sense. But then the elder who had climbed with him said, “Now we go back down.”

The young man was confused. “Why? This is beautiful. I want to stay here.”

The elder smiled. “You were not brought up here to stay. You were brought up here to see clearly.”

That is the heart of this Sunday’s Gospel.

In [Gospel of Matthew 17:1–9](#), Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain. There he is transfigured before them. His face shines like the sun. His clothes become dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appear. And Peter—overwhelmed—wants to build three tents and remain there.

Who wouldn’t? We all have “mountaintop” moments—times of clarity, peace, deep prayer, healing, reconciliation, joy. Perhaps at a retreat. Perhaps during a funeral when faith suddenly feels real. Perhaps during a sunrise at Barona, Viejas, or Sycuan when creation itself seems to pray. But the voice from the cloud does not say, “Stay here.” It says, “This is my beloved Son. . . listen to him.”

Lent is not about escaping the world. It is about learning to listen. The disciples had to come down the mountain.

They would walk toward Jerusalem. Toward the Cross. The glory they glimpsed was real—but it was preparing them for the valley ahead.

The desert of the First Sunday strengthens us. The mountain of the Second Sunday reassures us. God knows the journey can be heavy. So, he gives us light—not to escape suffering, but to endure it with hope.

Here in our parish family, many are carrying burdens—health concerns, family struggles, grief, uncertainty about the future. The Transfiguration reminds us that suffering does not have the final word. Behind the Cross is glory. Behind the struggle is promise.

In the First Reading, God calls Abram to leave his homeland and trust in a promise he cannot yet see. Abram must walk before he understands. The disciples must descend before they comprehend.

And we must listen before we see the full picture. To “listen to him” means: Listening when he says, “Forgive”; Listening when he says, “Do not be afraid”; Listening when he says, “Take up your cross”; Listening when he says, “Follow me.”

Lent sharpens our hearing. Prayer quiets the noise. Fasting clears the distractions. Almsgiving opens our hearts. On that mountain, the disciples fell to the ground in fear. But Jesus touched them and said, “Rise, and do not be afraid.” That touch still reaches us.

My dear family, perhaps this Lent Jesus is inviting you up the mountain—not to stay, but to see clearly. To remember who he truly is. To remember who you truly are. To trust that even when the valley is dark, his light is real.

Let us climb with him in prayer. Let us listen with open hearts. And when he leads us back down into daily life, may we walk with renewed faith—carrying his light into our homes, our work, our tribal communities, and our parish family. Because the glory we glimpse in prayer is meant to strengthen us for the journey.

And the voice still speaks: “This is my beloved Son...  
listen to Him.”

Fr. Herman Manuel, SVD