

Weekend of April 18 & 19, 2020

Sunday of Divine Mercy

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mass Schedule
Barona:
Mass: Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM.
Weekends: Saturday, 5:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM.
Confessions: Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Adoration: 1st Thurs. of the month (6:00 PM) and 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).
Viejas:
Weekends: Sunday, 10:00 AM.
Confessions: By appointment.
Sycuan:
Weekends: Sunday, Noon.
Confessions: By appointment

All masses and parish events are cancelled until further notice.

Fr. Herman will continue livestreaming
 On Tues-Friday at 3:00 PM
Just go to Facebook under Herman Manuel.

Please continue to send your tithes and offerings to:
 St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1054 Barona Road, Lakeside, CA 92040
 Thank you!

Prayer to St. Corona in a Time of Epidemic

*Lord Jesus Christ,
 You came into this world
 for our salvation.*

*Look kindly on us now, we pray,
 that we, and all those who serve You,
 might be kept safe from this epidemic.*

*Heal those who are sick,
 comfort the suffering, bring back
 those who have gone astray, and
 above all, increase our faith, O Lord.*

*Give us the grace to follow You and,
 like the martyr St. Corona, who gave
 her life for love of You, to take up our
 crosses daily without fear or hesitation.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the
 living God, have mercy on us and
 on the whole world.*

*St. Corona, patroness of
 epidemic victims, pray for us.*



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, Berniece Marrujo, 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, Gina Lloyd, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Eugene "Gino" Vicaldo, Skylar Rosas

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

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Prayer for Mercy

Bless me, most loving Jesus,

Bless me and have mercy on me in the loving-kindness of your most gracious heart. May my soul choose to know nothing apart from you,

That, disciplined by your grace and instructed by the anointing of your Spirit, I may progress well, passionately, and powerfully in the school of your love.

St. Gertrud of Helfta

Our FAITH More PRECIOUS Than GOLD

2nd Sunday of Easter

This Sunday we celebrate Divine Mercy. Isn't it interesting that on this Sunday, when God's MERCY is our focus, we should read, that our faith is more precious than gold – gold tested by fire. This is a wonderful analogy, drawn by St. Peter.

I guess it is safe to assume that we all know how the gold panners try to find gold in the rivers usually surrounding the gold mines. This is what is done to refine gold – our most precious metal. The gold refiner, scoops up a panful of debris – rocks, dirt, sticks – hoping that concealed within it is some gold. He adds water to the pan, and then puts the pan over a fire. The heat causes the heavy gold to sink to the bottom, and the debris to float to the top. The refiner then skims off the debris and discards it. This process is repeated two more times until there is no more debris and the gold finally sits at the bottom of the pan. The second and the third repetition of the process is probably what you can call refining. The refiner sees to it, though the gold is not heated too much.

When at last, all that is left is gold, the refiner recognizes it and removes it from the heat. And how does he know it is pure gold? He can see his image in the piece of gold!

A goldsmith tests by fire. Our faith – more precious than gold – is purified by the heat of the “fires” in our lives. What situation, in your life, is causing you to feel the heat nowadays?

I suppose that in this time of pandemic outbreak, when we can be alone at home because of restrictions, we now have the time to reflect on our lives and find out what are our debris. Many of us might have thought that because many are contracting the disease,

those of us who don't regularly pray and come to mass think that this might be a final judgment that we need to pray more and watch the Pope's mass or your pastor's mass which by the way is still available and a good opportunity for you to watch it live streamed in Facebook. Otherwise there are also some Masses that are available to be watched on TV. Others might have thought that it is time to reconcile with our brothers and sisters whom we haven't been talking for a long time or it is time to swallow our pride and be humble and accept what we have in life or get rid of any vices that we have, and so on and so forth.

Whatever it is, keep in mind, that through these fires, our “debris” continues to float to the top, allowing us, with the help of God, to skim it off and discard it. God keeps a MERCIFUL eye on our lives at all times – and MERCIFULLY will not let us be exposed to the heat for even a moment too long. When all the debris has been removed, and all that is left is the pure gold of faith, there will be God's image – shining forth – from YOU!

It is our FAITH that is purified by the fires of our lives – the pure, precious gold of FAITH. And having faith means a lot more than just going around saying we believe. It means SHOWING that we believe – through the way we live our lives. Such as the way I park my car – being careful that I am only using my allotted space; keeping myself and my surroundings neat, and orderly so that I am not only following the health guide lines but to show everybody that I AM a reflection of God, who is a God of order and discipline; going out of my way to complement people, who are deserving of those complements —if you see a job well done, say, “well done, Frank,” if you SEE it SAY it. That's faith — that's believing that we really ARE supposed to be a reflection of God – God, the refiner, who loves watching and waiting to see us reflect his image from the pure gold of our faith.

