

Weekend of May 16 & 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our regular Mass Schedule is cancelled until further notice.

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



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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St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish
1054 Barona Road, Lakeside, CA 92040

Thank you so much for your continued support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All parish events are cancelled until further notice.

PARTICIPATE IN MASS

by livestreaming with Fr. Herman

Please note weekdays mass time change

Weekdays, Tues-Friday at 8:00 AM,

Sunday mass is livestreamed Saturdays at 5:00 PM

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel



RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHURCH

Fr Herman will be available **in the church** after mass from 6:00 – 7:00 PM Saturday evenings in Barona, Sundays, 10:00 AM Viejas and 12 noon in Sycuan for those who would like to receive communion.

Please come into the church, wear a mask until you receive communion and please observe social distancing.



In order to communicate with you more effectively during this pandemic, we are asking for your email address. We will be able to send you the bulletin and send you pertinent information regarding the parish. You can give it to us at our website, bktparish.com under "Contact Us" or send it to church email, bktparish@aol.com.

From the Pastor's Desk

The Love of Jesus

A reflection on the 6th Sunday of Easter

Jesus says something similar to those words. In today's gospel, Jesus makes a startling announcement.

"If you love me, you will keep My Commandments."

First of all, the Jewish people did not recognize the Commandments as Jesus' Commandments. They believed that Yahweh, God Himself, had given the Commandments to Moses many centuries earlier. True, Jesus had preached that He was the Son of God but this was a direct reference to the fact that God was more than one person ... that Jesus and Yahweh were equal. I would imagine this statement was reported to the Scribes and the Pharisees and I would wager, it caused great anxiety among them.

Jesus, the miracle worker, was one thing but a direct reference to Himself as being on the same level as the Father was another.

However, it was just another incident that would later lead to Jesus' crucifixion because Jesus was assuming a different position among the people.

The other aspect of Jesus' statement was one that is common to all of us. He said, "If you love me" and then added a condition, "You will keep my commandments." It assumes that by one's expression of love to another, it indicates certain responsibilities. If a man says to a woman, or vice versa, "I love you" that is more than just idle chatter. It's not like saying, "Would you like to go to the movie with me."

If I love someone, that statement presumes certain actions on my part.

For example, a husband who loves his wife will show his affection toward her by sending long stemmed roses quite often, surprise her with little jewelry baubles and in general make her feel like she is a Queen (I know wives will love to hear this.)

But of course it goes without saying the wives will lavish their husbands with praise, will make

sure he's comfortable when he arrives home and will have a sumptuous meal prepared for him when he comes back (I know husbands will agree on this).

However, isn't it true that by saying the words, "I love you" it indicates that certain actions will follow. That husbands and wives and sons and daughters will not only say the words but their actions will indicate those words are meaningful. That's what love is.

So, when Jesus says, "IF YOU LOVE ME" He's not demanding our love but He presumes that we will obey the Commandments and will come to worship as we all do in the morning. Why would we use the word LOVE if it didn't mean anything?

His words apply to us as families. Mom and Dad love their children and they shower blessings upon them. They feed them, they house them, they clothe them, provide a good education for them and, in general protect them and make their lives as comfortable as possible. That's their responsibility. To say to your child "I love you" but continue it with the words, "you're on your own as far as any support from me" would be a contradiction. And if that would happen, the child has a right to question a parent's love.

But, by the same token, a child has the same responsibilities to a parent. That's also what Jesus says. Love is not just a word. Love is an indication of one's willingness to recognize one's responsibilities. And, therefore, children must recognize their responsibilities to their parents. If you would live in a fine house, partake of fine food your parents provide and accept your education it shows that you recognize the love your parents have for you. But you, in turn, must return that love by obeying them, by returning their love with visible signs that you appreciate them. Their wishes must be appreciated. Otherwise, you do not really love them.

And so, Jesus says to us today that His love is so great for all of us that we should keep His commandments. He is also saying that as we live our lives, we must have the same love for each other as we have for Him.