

Weekend of May 23 & 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord

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.

ATTENTION!

You are now able to donate online to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish on our website, bktparish.com. You are able to donate by debit, credit card or paypal. You can also continue to send your tithes and offerings to:

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.

PRAYER ON MEMORIAL DAY

O God,

By whose mercy the faithful departed find rest,
Look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their
lives in the service of their country.

Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection
of your Son

They may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom
And rejoice in you with your saints forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

-US Conference of Catholic Bishops

From the Pastor's Desk

The Power of Jesus Upon Us A reflection on the Ascension of the Lord

As Jesus was about to go up to heaven, his disciples were showing sadness in their faces because they will miss their Master. Jesus understood them very well. He says: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. "

Jesus was saying something quite profound here. By this declaration, Jesus was in effect telling his disciples that he was acting and speaking in the Father's name --- and consequently with the Father's authority. His whole life in fact was a tapping into everything that the Father had to give, all of the blessings and all of the expectations.

Jesus is simply saying here, "I have the authority and I'm telling you to go, therefore ... " To me it's pretty clear that whatever power and authority Jesus had, he was delegating them to his disciples before his ascension. They wouldn't simply be imitating Jesus and doing the tasks that he commanded them to do. No, they will actually share in God's authority and power as they strove to carry out Jesus' mission... not

entirely or in its fullness.(after all, we're still creatures).. but share in it nonetheless, through God's great love for them and generosity toward them.

And the amazing, incredible thing is that it's no different for us today. But it cannot be stressed enough. The mission Jesus handed over to his disciples, the blessings he gave them, and the promises he made to them are precisely the same blessings he offers to us and challenges he asks of us.

Many years have passed, but God has not changed, nor have his hopes or expectations for his followers. God called them and he calls us. God walked with them and he walks with us. God empowered them and he empowers us, no matter how unlikely that sounds. Incredible things are asked of us and incredible things are absolutely possible, whenever we act in God's name (in other words, in a faithful way) and tap into his power. God may have left his disciples in a bodily sense, but he certainly had not abandoned them.

But the misuse of these gifts by some, maybe even many, is a reality. The abuses by people acting in the "name of God" are well-known --- from the Crusades to the Christianizing of native peoples at the end of a sword, from scores of genocides through history to zealots flying planes into buildings. And these are just some of the most obvious of examples. Believing one is acting in the name of God and actually doing so can be very different things.

We may not be participating in the atrocities mentioned, but many of us are guilty of misusing the power and authority given to us, a misuse which causes real harm and real brokenness. How many of us use a false sense of moral superiority toward others, not with a sincere desire to see others journey a little bit closer to God, but rather to punish them by inflicting guilt on them? How many of us continue to burn bridges between ourselves and our children over religious differences? How many of us exclude others from our inner circle of friends because, we think they don't belong to our group? And how many of us act as if we have all the answers, and as if others don't have much to offer when it comes to matters of faith?

Most, if not all of us, can find examples in our own lives of times when we use our power and authority as baptized Christians in a less than holy way. Today, on

this feast of the Ascension, we have the perfect opportunity to turn that around, to rededicate ourselves to carrying out the work of the Lord truly in God's name, in the fullest sense of that phrase. And our primary motive is no other than LOVE. Let us share that power or authority with love of others so that they remain faithful followers of Christ.