

Weekend of September 6

Twenty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Barona:

Mass: Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM.

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, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Rudy Duero, 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, Yanni Aquino, Cynthia Dominguez, Dr. Gerry Directo, Baby Selene Vasquez, Paul Darby, Clifford LaChappa,

Marcie Cu, Anthony Pico, Nancy Rourke, Erin Clarke, Gimo Manuel, Judy Oyos, Kelly Speer, Hank Murphy

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

News From Religious Education

Barona: K-8th grade, 4:00 PM Wednesdays at Classrooms below Clubhouse

Start date: Sept. 9th

Teacher: Alyssa Parada

Barona: OCIA First Year students, 4:00 PM Mondays at Church Office

Teacher: Judy Oyos

OCIA Second Year students, 5:00 PM

Mondays at Church Office

Teacher: Judy Oyos

Viejas: Sundays, 10:00 AM

Teacher: Mark Price

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

September

Friday, Sept 4 – Sunday, Sept 6 –
***54th Annual Barona Powwow, Barona
Reservation, Lakeside, CA***

**Sunday, September 6 - The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Viejas Feast Day,**
Potluck to follow

Monday, September 7 – Labor Day

Sunday, September 13 – Children's Mass
at all reservations

Monday, September 21 -25 – Diocese
Convocation for Priests

PASTOR'S CORNER

***"Where two or three are gathered
together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them."***
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday our parish celebrates with special joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although the Church observes Mary's birthday on September 8, we gather as a community this Sunday in Viejas, September 6, to honor the Mother of Jesus and to thank God for the gift of her life.

There is a beautiful connection between Mary and today's readings.

St. Paul tells us: "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." And Jesus teaches us that when relationships are wounded, we should not

simply walk away from one another. We should seek reconciliation, healing, and communion.

Mary shows us what this kind of love looks like. Her entire life was a life of loving presence. She was present to Elizabeth when her cousin needed her. She noticed the need of the newly married couple at Cana. She stood beside Jesus at the Cross when others had fled. And after the Resurrection, she remained with the disciples as they prayed and waited for the Holy Spirit. Mary teaches us that love stays. Love listens. Love notices. Love brings people together.

That message is especially important today. We live in a world where it has become easy to divide ourselves—politically, culturally, racially, even within families. Social media can make it easier to criticize someone than to speak with them. Sometimes it seems easier to walk away than to reconcile.

But Jesus offers another way: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.” In other words: *Talk to one another, not about one another.* That is how families heal. That is how communities become stronger. That is how the Church becomes truly the family of God.

And perhaps this is one of the gifts Mary can give us as we celebrate her birth: the gift of bringing people together around her Son.

In our Native communities, we understand how important family, elders, ancestors, community, and belonging are. Mary reminds us that Christianity is also about belonging. Jesus did not call us to follow him alone. He gathered a family around himself and promised: “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

As we celebrate Mary’s birthday, then, let us give her a birthday gift—not flowers alone, beautiful as they are, but something from the heart. Let us

reconcile with someone. Let us forgive someone. Let us call someone we have neglected. Let us listen instead of judging. Let us bring someone back into the circle. And especially, let us ask Mary to help us bring those who have drifted away from Christ and his Church back home—not through condemnation, but through welcome, patience, and love.

Mary was born into this world so that, through her “yes,” Christ might enter the world. May our own “yes” allow Christ to enter our families, our Native communities, our parish, and our troubled world once again.

Happy Birthday Blessed Mother!

May you gather all your children around your Son and teach us to love one another as he has loved us.

Yours in the Divine Word,
Fr. Herman Manuel, SVD

Prayer

*Blessed Mother Mary,
on this celebration of your birth,
teach us to say yes to God as you did.
Help us to heal what is divided,
forgive what has wounded us,
welcome those who feel forgotten,
and bring home those who have wandered
away.
Gather our families and communities around
your Son,
so that wherever we come together in his name,
we may recognize Jesus living among us.
Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother,
pray for us. Amen.*

