Weekend of July 13

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

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, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, George Arviso, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Paolo Espiritu, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke, Jeff Ashii, Rosario and Paul Estepa, Haley Price, Mark Marquez, Lulu Cabinatan, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Connie Devera, Don Speer, Meta Roubedeaux, Eileen Hansotte, DJ LaChappa, Michael McKnight, Lulu Cabinatan, Donald Lee, Gabriel Marquez, Sr., Joseph Kardian, Bear Cuero, Frances Banegas, Diane Robetkey, Ed Sloan, Cindy McAllister, Flora Keldani and Gene Cortez, Antonio Sunga, Paul Castello, Robert Kuhl, Joyce Rottenberg, Johnny Valencic, Kelly Bonde, Lucinda Thompson, Eva Walters, Spud Brown, Joseph Villaverde, Edna Gomez, Leeanne Hayes Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

<u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</u>

New classes will resume in September, please contact church office if interested in enrolling or email bktparish@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Monday, July 14 – CANCELLED - 5:00 PM mass at Viejas, Feast Day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, dinner will be served.

July 16 – July 20 – 86th
Annual Tekakwitha Conference, Las
Cruces, NM. – Father Herman will
be attending. There will be no
weekday 8 AM mass at Barona
7/15-7/18/25.



Saint Kateri Prayer

O Saint Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks, your love for Jesus, so strong, so steadfast, pray that we may become like you. Your short and painful life

showed us your strength and humility. Pray that we may become forever humble like you. Like the bright and shining stars at night, we pray that your light may forever shine down upon us, giving light, hope peacefulness and serenity in our darkest moments. Fill our hearts, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha with your same love for Jesus and pray that we may have the strength and courage to become one like you in Heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Harold Caldwell

PASTOR'S CORNER

Becoming Neighbors in the Way of Jesus Reflection on the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings this Sunday remind us that God's Word is not far from us; it is very near, in our hearts and in our mouths, so we may live it (Deuteronomy 30:14). For our Native American communities, who have always valued the nearness of the Creator in the land, the waters, the winds, and in every living creature, these words speak deeply: The Creator is close, and his Word is alive within each of us.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us the story of the Good Samaritan, a story about mercy and compassion that crosses boundaries of tribe, culture, and fear. The wounded man on the road could be anyone: a relative struggling with addiction, a young person lost in loneliness, a neighbor who feels forgotten, or even the earth itself, suffering from neglect.

The Samaritan did not look away. He saw, he felt compassion, and he acted. He poured oil and wine on the wounds, lifted the man up, and ensured he was cared for. This is the way of Jesus, the way of a good neighbor, and the way of the Creator, who sees us in our pain and comes to our aid.

Many of us have lived this Gospel quietly in our families and communities. A few examples of them are: visiting elders who are alone, caring for children with gentle hearts, protecting the land and water for future generations, and gathering for ceremony and prayer, strengthening our people in the Creator's love.

St. Paul reminds us that Christ is the One who holds all things together (Colossians 1:17). He is the head of the body, the Church, and he is also present in the land, in each breath we take, in the laughter of our children, and in the sacred traditions that honor the Creator's gifts.

As we reflect this Sunday:

- Who around us is hurting and needs our help?
- How can we live as good neighbors in our community?
- How can we be instruments of healing, respecting one another and the land we walk upon?

The Word of God calls us to live out this compassion, not only in prayer but in daily actions that protect life, respect dignity, and share the Creator's mercy. Let us continue to walk together, caring for one another, for our sacred lands, and for all creation, so that the circle of life remains strong for the next generations.

A Prayer for Our Communities

Creator God.

you are near to us, in our hearts and in the beauty of this land.

Help us to see those who are hurting and to reach out with kindness.

Give us the courage to walk the path of mercy,

to protect our families, our people, and the sacred earth you have given us. May we live as good neighbors, reflecting your love in our actions,

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and may your Spirit guide us in building a community of healing and respect.
Amen.