

Weekend of October 13

Twenty-eighth 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....

Vicaldo Family, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Marcie Cu, Joyce

Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Sam Halabo, Lisa

Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Robert and

Margie Cruz, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes,

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, Romero Family,

John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Paolo Espiritu, John

Clark, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam,

Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo,

Mark Noriega, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke,

Colleen Crowden, Jeff Ashii, Rosario and Paul Estepa,

Haley Price, Mark Marquez, Lulu Cabinatan, Michael

Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Caroline Mendoza,

Connie Devera, Don Speer, Meta Roubedeaux, Eileen

Hansotte, DJ LaChappa

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education with Alyssa Parada:

Barona: 3:00 PM – First Communion Prep

4:15 – All ages Religious Ed

Sacramental Preparation with Mark Price:

Viejas: 3:00 PM

Barona: 4:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

OCTOBER

Monday 10/14 – Monday, 10/28 – Fr. Herman will be on vacation. Fr. Soney Sebastian and Fr. Alex Aquino will be leading mass during this time. Fr. Herman will be here on 10/19 for the death anniversary mass of Arlette Poutous.

Sat., 10/19 & Sunday, 10/20 – World Mission Sunday (Propagation of the Faith) Collection.

In October, we begin a special period dedicated to supporting the missionary work of the Church throughout the world. World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on October 20, and it is an occasion for us to remember our call to be missionaries and support those who take the Gospel to the farthest corners of the earth. Please stay tuned for ways you can get involved and contribute. Thank you.

November

Friday, November 1 – All Saints Day mass, 8:00 AM at Barona

Saturday, November 2 – All Souls' Day Mass and Grave Blessing for the following:

11:00 AM – Viejas

12:00 PM – Los Conejos

***4:00 PM – Sycuan

***6:30 PM – Barona

***Sycuan and Barona are also anticipated masses for Sunday.

Sunday, November 3 – 10:30 AM mass at Viejas only.

Sunday, November 10 – Children's mass at all reservations.

Nov 10 – 15 – SVD retreat, Fr. Herman will be attending. There will be no 8:00 AM mass at Barona that week.

Thursday, November 28 – Thanksgiving Day

mass – 8:00 AM at Barona

PASTOR'S CORNER

Poverty as a Christian Virtue A reflection on the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God?" (Mk 10:25).

What does Christ mean by this disturbing statement? Does it mean the affluent, say, at Beverly Hills or La Jolla have a difficult time entering God's kingdom? Conversely, are those who are poor necessarily privileged to enter His kingdom?

A certain wit once said: "People say, 'Money is the root of all evils,' but they can plant it in my garden anytime." In other words, money is not necessarily evil. Jesus Himself enjoyed the food, the parties, the lodging offered by His rich friends. Also, with money you can do a lot of good like putting up low-cost housing projects for the poor or employ jobless people. But with money you can also do a lot of evil. You can bribe people, buy vote, can hire bodyguards, influence judges' decisions and so on.

The danger of being rich – and this is what Christ warns against – is the excessive attachment to wealth. This is shown in this 28th Sunday's gospel (Mk 10:17) where the rich young man went away sad because he could not give up his possessions in order to follow Christ. What is censured is not wealth in itself but the reversal of values, i.e., instead of man possessing his riches, he becomes possessed by them.

A businessperson who resigned as president of a company has this observation: "There's one corporation chief I had who worked conservatively 19-20 hours a day. His whole life was his business. And he demanded the same of his executives." There was nothing sacred in life, except the business. Meetings might be called on Christmas Eve or New Year's Day, on Saturdays or Sundays when everybody should be enjoying their family.

One day the slave-driving boss was found slumped in his office table – a victim of heart attack! Poor guy, he ended a servant, not of people, but of money. And irony of ironies, he couldn't take his enormous wealth along with him to the next life.

On the other side of the coin, poverty (being poor) is not necessarily a virtue. A poor man who curses his lot, whose sole obsession in life is to be as rich as his wealthy neighbor is very poor indeed. But if, despite poverty, one can turn to God and help his fellowmen, then poverty is a Christian virtue.

Further, the gospel reminds us of the social obligation of our wealth. The Lord says: "Go and sell what you have and give to the poor; you will have then treasure in heaven" (Mk 10:21). Sharing to the underprivileged means not merely doling out but putting your money in meaningful employment, profit-sharing, giving more benefits to your employees like housing, credit coops or donating to charitable institutions.

How do you use your riches? Do you use them only for your needs and self-enjoyment or do you share with the needy and less fortunate? We could all choose to want to have less needs – less comfort, less eats and drinks, less luxuries – so that others who have less in life can

have more. Live simply so others may simply live.


