

## ***Weekend of December 1*** **First Sunday of Advent**

### **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, 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, 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, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Paolo Espiritu, John Clark, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam, 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, Marcella Villanova  
*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*



**Sunday, December 8, 2024 – Sycuan Feast Day and Memorial Feast of Immaculate Conception– 10:30 AM, one mass for all reservations**

**Saturday and Sunday, December 7 & 8 – Religious fund for Religious collection.**  
Donate to help the more than 24,000 senior religious who have dedicated their lives to service retire with dignity. Donations will provide for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have served for decades. Please make checks to: **St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish**, envelopes will be in pews. Thank you for your generosity.

**Sunday – Tuesday, December 15, 16, 17 – Advent Retreat, 6:30 PM Barona Clubhouse, Fr Emmet Farrell will be the guest speaker for the retreat. Please join us!**

**Tuesday, December 17– Reconciliation Service**

**Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Masses – 5:00 PM at Sycuan, 7:00 PM at Barona and 10:00 PM at Viejas**

**Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day Mass, 8:00 AM at Barona**

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## **Advent Prayer of Welcome**

Father,

We await the dawning of your Light, Jesus Christ. May his coming dispel the darkness of hatred and violence, of fear and despair. Illuminate our home with the light of his peace and mercy, that our house may be a place of welcome to all who knock on our door and come to our table.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Light to the world. Amen.

--Deacon Jay Cormier

## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

### **A Time to Reflect: How to Welcome Jesus in His Coming A reflection on the First Sunday of Advent**

#### **Happy New Liturgical Year!**

Wow how time flies! I can't believe it. We were just planning big events for the year in our parish and our Mission Churches and now, everything is finished. Suddenly it's December. Suddenly it's Advent.

Yes, many events have happened this 2024. Many persons we have met. And many loved ones we have lost. And now, we are in the Advent Season, nearing Christmas when Christmas lights and decorations are slowly being taken out of our cabinets and boxes so that decorating our homes can begin.

We may have lots of concerns nowadays: planning Christmas parties and family reunions, weddings and many others. But one thing is crucial: focus on the most essential and vital in this life.

Our Gospel today tells us that when the Son of Man comes again, there will be natural calamities and people will die in fear. The first reading reveals to us the Lord's promise that he will raise up a shoot for David

who will do what is good and just for Judah and Jerusalem. And St. Paul advises the Thessalonians on how to conduct themselves to please God. To capture all these thoughts, one thing is crucial, focus on what are most essential and vital in this life.

First, focus on your faith. Instead of fear in anticipation of natural calamities at the end of time, keep your faith in God that he can make you stand erect and raise your heads because your salvation is near.

Second, focus on your oblation. Oblation is an offering to God in conducting yourself that is pleasing to Him.

Third, focus on your charity. Even St. Paul prays: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all. ..."

Fourth, focus on your union with your community of believers. St. Paul adds that you strengthen your heart to be blameless in holiness with all God's holy ones.

And fifth, focus on your salvation upon the Second Coming of Jesus. According to Jeremiah, the Lord promises that you will be safe and secure like Judah and Jerusalem.

So, if you have Faith, Oblation, Charity, Union with your community and Salvation as He promised, you get your FOCUS on what are most essential and vital in this life. This is Advent. It is a time when we are called to have an attitude of FOCUS towards a more meaningful welcoming of Jesus as He comes again. then each of us can say: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.



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