

Weekend of July 26

Seventeenth 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, 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 Duerro, 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, Pat Wooley, Yanni Aquino, Cynthia Dominguez, Dr. Gerry Directo, Baby Selene Vasquez, Paul Darby, Clifford LaChappa, Minnie Kaye, Marcie Cu, Anthony Pico, Nancy Rourke

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

News From Religious Education

Fall classes will start the week of September 7th, please reach out to Judy Robinson or the church office for more information and registration papers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Monday, July 20 – Friday, July 31 – Father

Herman on vacation. There will be no weekday 8:00 AM masses at Barona. Fr. Damien Evangelista will be our guest priest at all weekend masses.

Sunday, July 26 – World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Mass

Grandparents Prayer **To Sts. Joachim and Anne**

O Holy Mother and Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as parents, you guided and nurtured Mary and, under your protection and love, watched her grow in holiness.

Through your faithfulness and goodness the Will of God was fulfilled; the fruits of your virtue and faith brought salvation to the whole world with the birth of the baby Jesus.

*The word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
(John 1:14)*

Most Holy Saints Anne and Joachim, come close to us and guide our hand and our hearts in the way of virtue.

Help us to parent our children and grandchildren with a gentle heart as you did.

Show us how to raise our children in faith and bring our families in the Light of Jesus.

Remain close to us and help us on our journey to salvation.

Sts. Anne and Joachim, we place our petitions in your hands and ask that you lay them before the child Jesus.

*Seek this, my favor (mention your request here) but only if it be for the greater glory of God and the good of my soul.
Amen.*

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Treasure Worth Everything Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What is the greatest treasure you have ever found?

For some, it may have been a long-awaited opportunity, a lifelong friendship, or the birth of a child. For others, it may have been discovering a purpose that gave meaning to life. In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 13:44–52), Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field and like a pearl of great price. The people who found these treasures were so overwhelmed with joy that they gladly sold everything they had in order to possess them.

Jesus is asking us a very personal question: What is the greatest treasure of your life?

Many things compete for our hearts such as success, possessions, comfort, popularity, or security. While these can be blessings, none of them can satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart. Only God can. Only a relationship with Christ gives us the peace, joy, forgiveness, and hope that endure beyond this life.

As we reflect on this Gospel, I think especially of our Native American heritage here at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish. Our ancestors knew that true wealth was never measured by what one owned but by one's relationship with the Creator, with family, with the community, and with the sacred land entrusted to us. They recognized that everything is a gift and that life itself is holy.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha understood this truth. She gave up comfort, acceptance, and even family approval because she had discovered the greatest treasure—Jesus Christ. Her life reminds us that when we place God first, we never truly lose

anything. Instead, we gain a joy that the world cannot take away.

In a world that constantly tells us to accumulate more, Jesus invites us to value differently. He asks us to invest not only in our bank accounts but in our souls; not only in what will pass away but in what will last forever. Every act of kindness, every prayer, every forgiveness offered, every sacrifice made for love of God becomes part of the treasure we are storing in heaven.

May we ask God this week for the wisdom of Solomon, found in the First Reading, to recognize what truly matters. May we have the courage to let go of whatever keeps us from fully following Christ. And may our parish continue to be a place where every person can discover the priceless treasure of God's love.

May the Lord bless you and your families abundantly.

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

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

You are the greatest treasure of our lives.

Open our hearts to seek your Kingdom above all else.

*Give us the wisdom to choose what is good,
the courage to let go of what distracts us from you,*

*and the joy of knowing that in Christ
we possess everything we truly need.*

*Through the intercession of St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
help us walk faithfully with you each day. Amen.*

