

Weekend of November 16
Thirty-third 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, George Arviso, 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, Lulu Cabinatan, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Rudy Duerro, 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, 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, Marvi Artugue, Yanni Aquino, Cynthia Dominguez, Dr. Gerry Directio Dominguez and Baby Selene Vasquez

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/OCIA

Youth: Barona K-8th (with Alyssa Parada):
FRIDAYS at 4:00 PM

ADULT OCIA ages 18 and older (with Judy Robinson at Barona): **Wednesday - 6:00 PM**

Sunday- BARONA (with Mark Price):
9:00 AM Sunday - VIEJAS (with Mark Price):
11:30 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Sunday, November 16 - A representative from John Paul the Great Catholic University, 200 W Grand Ave, Escondido, CA will give a quick presentation at Barona 8:00 AM mass will be available after mass to answer any questions regarding their university.

Sat. Nov 22 & Sun. Nov. 23 – **National Needs Collection.** The 2025 Collection for National Need supports the Black and Indian Missions, the Catholic Home Missions, the Catholic Communication Campaign, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and The Catholic University of America. . Special envelopes will be available for the collection. Checks should be made to: St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish.

Thursday, Nov. 27 – **Thanksgiving Day,**
8:00 AM mass at Barona

PASTOR'S CORNER

**Perseverance in Faith amid
the Fires of Life**

**A reflection on the 33rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

As we come close to the end of the liturgical year, the readings turn our eyes toward the "end times." The tone may sound frightening — earthquakes, wars, persecutions — but

Jesus' words are not meant to sow fear. They are meant to plant *hope and endurance*.

In today's Gospel, Jesus foretells the destruction of the great Temple in Jerusalem. To the Jewish people, that Temple was the very center of their world — the sign of God's presence among them. But Jesus wants His disciples to see that no earthly structure, no human power, no nation or empire can last forever. What *does* last is faith — a steadfast trust in God that does not crumble even when the world shakes.

There's an old story about a blacksmith who struggled to understand why life was so hard even though he prayed daily. One day, a friend asked him, "Why does God let you go through so much trouble?"

The blacksmith smiled and pointed to the fire in his forge. "When I put a piece of iron in the fire, it's not to destroy it," he said. "The heat burns away the impurities. Then I hammer it into shape, cool it in water, and make it strong. That's what God does with us. The fire doesn't ruin the metal—it reveals its strength."

Faith is like that piece of iron — shaped and strengthened in the fire. Perseverance is not about never falling; it is about never giving up on the One who shapes us through life's challenges.

We all know what it is like to experience "earthquakes" in our lives — the loss of a loved one, the collapse of plans, the fear of what tomorrow may bring. Jesus never promised us a life without suffering. What he did promise is that we would never face it alone.

"By your perseverance, you will secure your lives." (Luke 21:19)

Perseverance — *standing firm in faith* — is not stubbornness; it is trust in motion. It is the quiet courage of a mother praying for her children, a grandfather who keeps serving others despite illness, or a young person choosing truth and kindness over popularity.

In his letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul reminds us not to grow weary of doing good. The world often measures success by wealth, fame, or control, but Christ measures it by love, generosity, and fidelity. The smallest act of compassion — checking on an elder, volunteering at Mass, comforting someone in grief — builds something that endures far longer than any stone temple.

Here in our Native and parish communities — in Barona, Viejas, Sycuan — we know what it means to endure through generations. Our ancestors faced hardships, yet they held fast to faith, family, and community. They remind us that even when the fires of life seem to burn hot, the roots of faith run deeper.

May this Sunday's message strengthen us to keep building what lasts: our love for God, our service to others, and our hope in Christ's promise of new life.

Prayer

***Lord Jesus, when the world around us seems uncertain,
help us to stand firm in faith.
When fear and hardship come,
teach us to trust in your presence.
Give us strength to persevere in love,
and hope that endures until the end.
Amen.***

