## Weekend of October 5

Twenty-seventh 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).

<u>Viejas:</u>

Sunday: Sunday, 10:30 AM. @ Church Confessions: By appointment only.

Svcuan:

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, 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, Antonio Sunga, Paul Castello, Robert Kuhl, Joyce Rottenberg, Johnny Valencic, Kelly Bonde, Lucinda Thompson, Eva Walters, Spud Brown, Joseph Villaverde, Edna Gomez, Verta Tuck, Jack Ramirez, Rudy Duero, John Holsbo,

Pat Wooley

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.



"You are important to God. You are not searching for Him, but He is searching for you."
-Pope Francis

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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



## **Sat. Oct 18 and Sun., Oct 19** – World

Mission Sunday collection.
Every year the global Church celebrates missions during the month of October. This celebration a powerful reminder of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. It is a day when Catholics around the world unite in prayer and solidarity to support the missionary work of the Church. The theme for this year "Missionaries of Hope among the Peoples" invites us to live our faith and our baptism called to be missionary disciples wherever we find ourselves.

Monday, October 13 – Tuesday, October 28 – Father will be on vacation. There will be no daily (Tue – Fri) 8:00 AM masses during this time at Barona.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/OCIA

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

Sacramental Education for youth who are pursuing confirmation and Adult classes:

**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

# **PASTOR'S CORNER**

## The Power of a Tiny Seed Reflection on the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever asked God to increase your faith? You're in good company. The apostles did the same thing in today's Gospel: "Lord, increase our faith." They had seen Jesus heal the sick, raise the dead, calm storms, and feed thousands with a few loaves and fish. Yet, they still felt their faith was small.

Jesus doesn't respond with a miracle or a grand sign. He gives them something humbling: "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

It's not about the size of our faith—it's about the strength of our trust. Even a tiny seed, when alive, can move mountains. Faith is not measured in ounces or inches. It is measured in courage, obedience, and perseverance—especially when life feels uncertain.

Like the prophet Habakkuk, we sometimes cry out, "How long, O Lord?" when justice seems far away, or when suffering lingers too long. God's answer is the same today: "The just one shall live by faith." In other words, faith is not just believing when things are easy—it is holding on when things are hard.

In our Native traditions, faith is also about trust and balance. A seed planted in the soil must trust the rhythm of the seasons, the kindness of rain, the warmth of the sun. It doesn't rush. It simply grows where it is planted. So too, God invites us to plant our faith in his promises, to stay rooted in His love, and to let His timing unfold in our lives.

Faith is not a one-time decision. It is a daily "yes." It grows each time we forgive, each time we pray, each time we do the right thing even when no one is watching. Faith grows when we love someone who's hard to love.

So, if you're tired, if you're unsure, if you're waiting for an answer—remember the mustard seed, such a tiny seed but very powerful. You may not feel strong, but your faith is alive. And what is alive in God's hands can move mountains.

### **PRAYER**

Lord, increase our faith.
When we feel weak, strengthen us.
When we are impatient, teach us to trust.
When we cannot see the way ahead,
remind us that you walk beside us.
Help us plant seeds of faith, hope, and
love

in the hearts of others. May our small acts of faith bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

