

Weekend of January 26

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, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mike Wise, 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, Michael McKnight Joseph Kardian, Bear Cuero, Autumn Cheyenne Russo
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*

JANUARY

Saturday, Jan 25 and Sunday, Jan 26 **– Society of the Divine Word (SVD) Collection**

Did you know that Father Herman Manuel, is part of the Divine Word Missionaries Community? This year they will celebrate 150 years of missionary service. This international organization consists of nearly 6,000 priests and Brothers who are trained with a diverse set of skills and dedicated to ensuring that our mission programs make a positive impact on the people they serve. Your generosity to this collection will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance! Please make checks to: St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish.

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 2 – Children's mass at all reservations

Sunday, February 9 – Valentine's Day blessing of couples at all reservations

Friday, February 14 – Valentine's Day

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Power of Spirit in Jesus

A reflection on the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel today features the return of Jesus to his native province, Galilee. By that time, the Galileans must have already heard about his fame: his preaching, his healing of the sick, and his casting out of demons. Well, they must be proud of him as a fellow Galilean. His return to his town Nazareth was unexpected. But people must have been excited to hear him speak. The scene was kind of dramatic. Reading a passage from the book of Isaiah, he then told the people, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Now, let us try to reflect some of the important moments in the gospel. First, there is a mention of the Spirit in the passage. Accordingly, Jesus returned to Galilee "in the power of the Spirit." Jesus, who was conceived by the Spirit, is now a bearer of the Spirit. Before he began his public ministry, he was driven by the Spirit to the desert. At his baptism, the Spirit was present. Now, in his public ministry, the Spirit is all the more present. So, there is a linkage between Jesus and the Spirit. Elsewhere in the gospels, Jesus talks about his oneness with the Father. Now, the gospel says about his oneness with the Spirit. What does this do to us? On the one hand, this passage is a good aid for us to understand better and deeper our belief in one God: the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. On the other, this also leads us to realize that, like Jesus, we are a "Spirit-ed-people." Let us not forget the presence of the Spirit in our lives, allow him to work in us, and follow where he leads us.

Second, Jesus' return to Galilee and Nazareth shows how important it is to link ourselves to our roots. Jesus remembers the place where he grew up. He must have remembered too the things he used to do in that place. And one of these was to go to the synagogue and read a scripture passage. In life, homecoming or coming home is

considered important. People who have a happy childhood would naturally love to "come home." But for people who have sad memories during their childhood would never dare to "come home." Our past, our childhood, whether happy or sad, is part of our life. In the road toward wholeness, the recommendation is to always go back to our roots.

Third, let us reflect on his solemn declaration, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." He declares himself as the expected Messiah who fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah. It can also be viewed as the call to mission because of the "bringing of glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind...." We can relate this to our baptismal promises. When we were baptized, the Church did not look at our own merits, but to the faith of our parents and godparents. Thus, there must be a time in our life that we express our "owning" of this faith, as well as our "fulfilling" of the baptismal promises, that is, the call to mission. Like Jesus, we must also learn how to say to the Church and God that, "Today, this passage is fulfilled in your hearing." It should be clear to us that when we receive the sacrament of confirmation, we become missionaries because we are to bring good news to others. The bringing of good news is part of our Christian responsibility. We must be expressive of our faith so that we could also share it with others.

But certainly, it requires that we should first put our own house in order. We need to accept first the good news of Jesus and invite him in our lives. Only then we can share it with others.

Missionary Society of the Philippines



*And he went throughout
Galilee, proclaiming
the message...*

MARK 1:39, NRSV