

## ***Weekend of October 27***

Thirtieth 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, Richard 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, Jim Hughes, 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, Caroline Mendoza, 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*



**Monday 10/14 – Monday, 10/28** – Fr. Herman will be on vacation. Fr. Soney Sebastian and Fr. Alex Aquino will be leading mass during this time. There will be no 8:00 AM Tues – Friday mass at Barona during this time.

**Thursday, October 31** - Halloween



**Friday, November 1** – All Saints Day mass, 8:00 AM at Barona

**Saturday, November 2** – All Souls' Day Mass and Grave Blessing for the following:

11:00 AM – Viejas

12:00 PM – Los Conejos

\*\*\*4:00 PM – Sycuan

\*\*\*6:30 PM – Barona

\*\*\*Sycuan and Barona will be anticipated masses for Sunday.

**Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 AM** – Daylight savings time ends. Reminder to move clocks back one hour.

**Sunday, November 3** – 8:00 mass at Barona and 10:30 AM mass at Viejas only.

**Sunday, November 10** – Children's mass at all reservations.

**Monday, November 11** – Veterans Day

**November 10 – 15** – SVD retreat, Fr. Herman will be attending. There will be no 8:00 AM mass at Barona that week.

**Thursday, November 28** – Thanksgiving Day

mass – 8:00 AM at Barona

## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

### **The Joy and Hope in Following Jesus A reflection on the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel reading, Mark tells us that Jesus had just left the city of Jericho accompanied by his disciples. Many other people also followed him. Mark explains what happened when Jesus met a blind man named Bartimaeus. Jericho is not very far from Jerusalem towards which our Lord was headed. The blind man was sitting by the side of the road, as he usually did, asking for alms. Something made him realize that a large group of people was coming closer to him. Or, maybe, someone told him that Jesus was near. Without thinking twice he began to cry out desperately, "Jesus, have mercy on me."

When they heard him, many of those who were there scolded him, telling him to stop shouting. But he did not pay attention to them as he continued to cry out. Normally, Bartimaeus, precisely because he was blind, trusted in the counsel of those people who helped him, but on this occasion, he felt that he needed to get Jesus to help him and so, ignoring those around him, he placed all of his hope in the one person that he thought could cure him. And it worked out. Jesus, upon hearing the cries of Bartimaeus, stopped and said, "Bring him to me."

Even though his blindness usually made him wait for the help of others, when he heard someone say, "Take heart, get up, he is calling you," Bartimaeus did not wait for anyone to help him. He jumped up and

approached Jesus, who asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus answered, asking him for what he most desired, "that I might see." And the Lord cured him. It was his faith that most impressed the Lord. That is why he said, "Go, your faith has cured you." This man not only had faith, he was firmly convinced that Christ could cure him.

Mark explains to us clearly that if we want to overcome our spiritual blindness we have to do as what Bartimaeus did when the Lord called him. He immediately jumped up and went to Jesus. Many of us may not suffer physical blindness but there are many who suffer from a blindness that is much worse. It is the blindness of the soul. Because of this they cannot see the light that is Christ. Those who suffer from this blindness should also ask the Lord in the same words that the blind man used in the Gospel, "Jesus, make me see." Because, just as the physically blind can only see darkness, those whose souls are blind will not be able to see the light that is Christ.

Bartimaeus, who always waited at the side of the road, without hope of recovering his sight, found the road, the way, the truth and the life, he found Jesus and when he felt the Lord's presence, when he heard the Lord speak, he raised his voice and shouted, so that the Lord could hear him. He did not ask the Lord immediately to cure his blindness, he simply said, "Lord, have mercy on me." He placed all of his hope in the Master who was passing by and of whom he had heard speak. He had faith in Jesus and in his mercy. He did not have faith because he was cured; he was cured because he had faith. And when Jesus cured Bartimaeus, who had been blind since birth, he recognized that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah, he felt great peace of heart and soul and he followed Jesus.

We can also feel that peace in our hearts. Let us not be blind of soul. Let us follow the example of Bartimaeus. Let us go to the Lord with faith and ask him to help us, to

have mercy on us, to open our eyes and our hearts so that we can see his splendor and feel his love and his peace.