

Weekend of September 22

Twenty-fifth 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....

Vicaldo Family, 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, Romero Family,

John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Paolo Espiritu, John

Clark, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam,

Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo,

Mark Noriega, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke,

Colleen Crowden, Jeff Ashii, Pamela Nolan CSC,

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, Deacon Clarke,

DJ LaChappa

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

SEPTEMBER

Monday, Sept 23 – Thursday, Sept. 26:

Father Herman will be attending the 2024 Convocation for Priests. There will be no 8:00 a.m. morning masses this week.

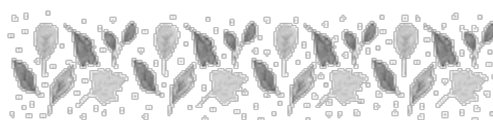
Friday, September 27 – Indigenous People Mass, 10:00 AM, Mission San Antonio De Pala, reception to follow. Please wear traditional attire, all are welcome to attend.

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 6 – Children's mass at all reservations.

Sat., October 19 & Sunday, Oct. 20 –

Propagation of Faith Collection



Lord our God,

The angels ever look upon your face.
Grant that, with their help, we may seek
you, day by day, until that final day, when
we shall see you face to face, in Jesus, the
Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For those who are called, Jesus promises
only one thing: The Cross. If one seeks
power and prestige in this world, there
will be no reward in the Kingdom of
Heaven.

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PASTOR'S **CORNER**

Personal Ambition versus Doing God's Will **A reflection on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In our Gospel Reading, Saint Mark tells us that Jesus and his disciples began a journey through Galilee. Jesus could already see that little time was left for him on earth and he wanted to prepare the apostles so that they would faithfully continue his mission. While traveling, he told them about his death and his resurrection. He said that he would be handed over to men and that he would have to die but that he would rise again. What he was saying to the apostles was too difficult for them to understand. They already had an entirely different idea about the kingdom that the Messiah had come to establish. Since they did not understand, it doesn't seem that they were interested in what the Lord was explaining so they began to talk among themselves. This attitude is the same attitude that we see around us sometimes today.

Clearly, the Lord felt sad. He was trying to explain to them everything that would happen. He knew that it would be painful and cruel. And the apostles, his friends, did not pay attention; they did not seem to grasp the seriousness of what he was saying. With indifference, they began to argue among themselves over who among them would be in charge of the others. Even though Jesus knew what they were discussing as they were on the road to Capernaum, when they arrived he asked them about what they were arguing about on the way. We think we can discern what the Lord was feeling. Let us focus on this. He was preparing his closest followers and all he could see in them was little faith and much personal ambition. Precisely what he had always taught them, even with his own example, was that they should be humble, leaving behind ambition, helping others and making themselves small before others. So, he said to them, disapprovingly, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

Much time has passed since the events that Saint Mark recounts in this Gospel Reading. But we can see that today there continue to be rivalries between people who seek to be first. There

continue to be people who think, "first me, and always, me." We can see all around us that what flourishes is narrow-mindedness, selfishness and little disposition to be humble. In the Second Reading the Apostle Saint James warns his community against these attitudes, telling them that where there is rivalry, selfishness and envy, there is disorder. And there is where sin and all kinds of evil acts occur. He exhorts them, asking, "From where do the wars and the conflicts among you come?"

Without doubt, if the Apostle Saint James were to be among us today he would ask us the same question. Furthermore, he would also say, "these conflicts among you come because of your passions. You covet and, precisely because you covet so much, you do not find what you crave. You burn with envy and harm others. You fight among yourselves. These are the reasons that you can never achieve anything." Many do not know how to ask humbly ask God for what they need. Others do ask but they ask poorly. They only seek to obtain personal satisfaction. That is why God does not bless them, does not help them, and they will never receive what they pray for until they change their conduct.

Saint James shows us that in his times there were many people who did evil things. They went about full of pride, they could not stand anyone telling them that what they were doing was wrong and they could not tolerate anyone who followed God righteously. Today we also have people who continue to do the same things. This attitude is completely opposed to what Christ taught and continues to teach. He asks us, as he asked his followers then, to humbly serve others. He reminds us that we have to make ourselves small if we want to be great. The Apostle Saint James tells us that those who attain the wisdom that comes from above love peace. They are merciful, impartial and sincere. And they will be the ones who will be called upon to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

