

## Weekend of September 21

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....

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 Kardan, 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 Duerro, John Holsbo, Pat Wooley

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.



**You cannot serve two masters. Whom do you choose to follow? You have to make a choice.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and  
SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
1-800-553-3321

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



**Monday, Sept. 22 – Thursday, Sept. 25 –  
Convocation of Priests** at Temecula, Fr.  
Herman will be attending. There will be no  
8:00 AM morning masses M-F this week.

**Friday, September 26 – 3<sup>RD</sup> Annual  
Native American Indigenous People  
Mass**, St. Bartholomew Chapel, 5411  
Mazzetti Lane, Valley Center, CA. Mass  
begins at 10:00 AM. Lunch will follow,  
please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



**Sunday, October 5** – Children's Mass at all  
reservations

**Sat. Oct 18 and Sun., Oct 19** – World  
Mission Sunday collection.

### **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:**

**Viejas/Sycuan** (with Mark Price): 3:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAYS**

**Barona** (with Mark Price): 4:30 PM  
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*ADULT OCIA* ages 18 and older (with Judy Robinson at Barona): 6:00 PM  
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## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Faithful Stewards in a World of Many Masters

#### A reflection on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Gospel (Luke 16:1-13) gives us one of Jesus' more puzzling parables: the story of the dishonest steward. At first, it seems as though Jesus is praising dishonesty. But if we look closer, He is pointing us to something much deeper: urgency, creativity, and commitment in how we live our faith.

The steward, when faced with losing his position, acts decisively to secure his future. Jesus uses this example to ask us: *Do we live with the same urgency when it comes to eternal life? Do we use the resources God has entrusted to us – our time, talents, wealth, and relationships – to serve His kingdom, or only ourselves?*

In our Kumeyaay traditions, and indeed in many Native ways, stewardship of the land, water, and community is a sacred duty. The earth is not something we own; it is something we care for on behalf of the generations yet to come. In this way, Jesus' call today is very familiar: *be faithful in small matters, so you may be trusted in greater ones.* Integrity in the

little things builds trust, unity, and peace in the bigger picture.

We also hear Jesus' unforgettable words: *"You cannot serve both God and mammon."* Money, possessions, and status can easily become false gods if we allow them to rule our hearts. But if we choose the Lord as our master, then even the things of this world can be used as blessings: food shared with the hungry, time spent with the lonely, resources used for the good of family and community.

Here in San Diego, on Kumeyaay land, we are daily invited to live as faithful stewards: caring for our families, our elders, and the earth around us. May we have the courage to live with urgency and integrity, so that when people see our choices, they see not self-interest but God's justice, mercy, and love at work.

### PRAYER

Loving God,  
You are the giver of all good gifts,  
and you entrust us with time, talents,  
and treasures  
to use for the building of Your kingdom.  
Help us to be wise and faithful stewards,  
serving you above all things,  
and placing our trust not in wealth or  
power,  
but in Your unfailing love.  
May our lives reflect integrity in small  
things  
and generosity in great things,  
so that others may see the light  
through us.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

