Weekend of June 1 The Ascension of the

Lord

<u>Barona:</u>

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. 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, 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, Lulu Cabinatan, Donald Lee, Gabriel Marquez, Sr., Joseph Kardian, Bear Cuero, Autumn Cheyenne Russo, 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, Raelene Lynch, Eva Walters, Spud Brown

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

New classes will resume in September, please contact church office if interested in enrolling or email bktparish@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

<u>JUNE</u>

<u>Sunday, June 1</u> – Children's Mass at all reservations. At <u>Barona</u>, they will having Breakfast and donuts after mass.

First Communion will be at <u>Viejas</u> on this day, followed by brunch. Congratulations to Tobias Root, Wednesday Erwin, Lewis Kayser and Joane Clark.

<u>Saturday, June 7</u> – 11:00 AM, Sycuan Mass and Grave Blessing

Sunday, June 15 – Father's Day

<u>Sunday, June 29</u> – Peter Pence Collection

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Jesus promised his disciples that they would be clothed in power from God. As a follower of Jesus, you are also given that same promise. Pray for the grace to be a faithful witness.

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PASTOR'S CORNER Honoring the Sacred Journey A reflection on the Ascension of the Lord

Today we remember a sacred moment in our faith journey: The Ascension of the Lord. After walking with His disciples, sharing meals, and speaking words of peace, Jesus returned to the Creator, lifted into the sky, not to abandon us—but to guide us from above and send us His Spirit from within.

In the first reading from the Book of Acts, we hear how Jesus spoke to His followers one last time. He told them to wait for the Spirit, to prepare their hearts to be sent out as storytellers of the Good News. This speaks deeply to us as Kumeyaay people, who know that the stories of the elders, passed down with care, shape how we live and walk.

Psalm 47 tells us, "God mounts His throne with shouts of joy." We can imagine this like the songs sung by bird singers in our Indian Reservations when we honor someone who returns to the Creator. The drums of heaven echo our joy on earth.

Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that we have been given "a spirit of wisdom and revelation." That spirit helps us see the world—not just with our eyes, but with our hearts. In Kumeyaay tradition, we understand that wisdom is a gift that grows when shared, especially with the young ones.

And in the Gospel of Luke, we see Jesus bless His friends and leave them not with sadness, but with purpose. They returned to their community, praising God. In the same way, we are called to go back to our families and villages, carrying Jesus' blessing like a spark from the sacred fire.

So today, let us lift our eyes to the sky like our ancestors did—not to wonder where He went, but to remember that the journey continues. Jesus walks with us still—through the Spirit, in the land, in the stories, and in the love, we share.

Creator of Sky and Earth,

You lifted Your Son Jesus to the heights, like an eagle rising on the wind.

Help us to remember His promise, that we are never alone that Your Spirit is with us in the songs of the birds in the shade of the oak in the strength of our families and in the stories that shape our people.

May we walk in harmony honoring the path Jesus walked before us. Give us hearts open to wisdom, feet ready to serve and voices bold with peace.

Let Your light—Your Eyaa shine upon us as we follow Christ, our risen and ascended Lord. We thank You, Great Spirit for the breath of life for the gift of love, and for the hope of heaven. Amen.

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Happy Ascension of the Lord Day!