

Weekend of May 24 Pentecost Sunday

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, Margie Cruz, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, Rose Ramos, Lilly Gautreaux, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Paolo Espiritu, Tyre Nichols, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Carol Richardson, Jeff Ashii, Rosario and Paul Estepa, Haley Price, Mark Marquez, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Rudy Duero, Don Speer, Eileen Hansotte, DJ LaChappa, Michael McKnight, Lulu Cabinatan, Donald Lee, Gabriel Marquez, Sr., Joseph Kardian, Bear Cuero, Frances Banegas, Diane Robetkey, Ed Sloan, Flora Keldani and Gene Cortez, Paul Castello, Robert Kuhl, Joyce Rottenberg, Johnny Valencic, Kelly Bonde, Lucinda Thompson, Eva Walters, Spud Brown, Edna Gomez, Vera Tucker, Jack Ramirez, Rudy Duero, John Holsbo, Pat Wooley, Yanni Aquino, Cynthia Dominguez, Dr. Gerry Directo, Baby Selene Vasquez, Paul Darby, Clifford LaChappa, Minnie Kaye, Marcie Cu
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

News From Religious Education

There will be no OCIA/Religious Ed classes May 18 – 31.

Due to the two year requirement for OCIA program (Ages 14- Adult) by the Diocese, classes will resume the first week of June. Any questions, please contact Mark or Judy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Saturday, May 23 – 5:00 PM mass at Sycuan

Sunday, May 24 – 10:00 AM – May Crowning at Barona. One mass for all reservations.

Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day

Sunday, May 30-31 – MCP Collection.

Fr. Dominic Obour, a priest from the small village in Ghana, West Africa will be doing Mission Appeals. The yellow envelopes are in pews. Please be generous. Thank you!



***Saturday, June 13 – 11:00 AM,
Sycuan Grave blessing***

PASTOR'S CORNER

***Come, Holy Spirit, and
Renew the Face of the Earth***

Solemnity of Pentecost

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

There is an old Native story about a fire that had almost gone out. Only a few glowing embers remained. The people gathered around, worried that the warmth and light would soon disappear. Then one elder knelt down and gently breathed upon the embers. At first, nothing seemed to happen. But with each breath, the coals began to

glow brighter. Soon, flames rose again, filling the circle with warmth, light, and life.

That is what the Holy Spirit does. Sometimes our hearts feel like dying embers. We become tired, discouraged, or overwhelmed by the struggles of life. We carry grief, family burdens, illness, divisions, and uncertainty about the future. We may still believe in God, but the fire within us burns low.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit comes like a mighty wind and tongues of fire. The frightened disciples, hiding behind locked doors, are transformed into courageous witnesses. Fear gives way to faith. Confusion becomes clarity. Weakness turns into strength.

The same Holy Spirit is given to us. The Spirit is not just a symbol or a distant force. The Holy Spirit is the living presence of God dwelling in our hearts. The Spirit comforts us when we are grieving, strengthens us when we are tired, guides us when we are confused, and gives us courage when we are afraid.

When the Holy Spirit fills us, we find peace in the middle of chaos, we forgive those who have hurt us, we speak words that heal instead of wound, we discover hope when life feels dark, we become instruments of God's love.

In today's world, we desperately need the Holy Spirit. We need the Spirit in our families, where misunderstandings can create distance. We need the Spirit in our communities, where divisions sometimes weaken us. We need the Spirit in our nation and in our world, where violence and fear too often overshadow peace. We need the Spirit in the Church, so that we may remain faithful and united.

At St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, serving the communities of Barona, Viejas, and Sycuan, we know the power of sacred fire. Fire warms, purifies, and gathers people together. In the same

way, the Holy Spirit gathers us as one family and reminds us that each person carries unique gifts meant to build up the Body of Christ. Some are called to teach. Some are called to serve. Some are called to sing. Some are called to pray. Some are called to encourage and comfort. No gift is too small when it is offered to God.

Pentecost reminds us that the Church was born not in comfort, but in power. The Holy Spirit turned ordinary people into extraordinary disciples. Fishermen became apostles. Fearful men and women became saints.

And the Spirit is still at work today. The Holy Spirit can heal what is broken. The Holy Spirit can rekindle what has grown cold. The Holy Spirit can make all things new.

So this week, pray this simple prayer each morning:

**“Come, Holy Spirit. Fill my heart. Guide my words.
Strengthen my faith. Renew my life.”**

If we open our hearts, the Spirit will breathe upon the embers within us and set our souls ablaze with the love of God. And when that happens, not only will our own lives be transformed—the world around us will be renewed.

Yours in the Divine Word,
Fr. Herman Manuel, SVD

PRAYER

**Come, Holy Spirit,
like wind across the desert,
like fire in the night,
like breath restoring life.**

**Fill our hearts with your presence.
Heal our wounds.
Strengthen our families.**

Bless the communities of Barona, Viejas, and Sycuan.

**Set our hearts on fire with the love of Christ,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Amen.