

Weekend of August 23

Twenty-first 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, 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 Duerro, 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, Yanni Aquino, Cynthia Dominguez, Dr. Gerry Directo, Baby Selene Vasquez, Paul Darby, Clifford LaChappa, Marcie Cu, Anthony Pico, Nancy Rourke, Erin Clarke, Gimo Manuel

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

News From Religious Education

*Fall classes will start the **week of September 7th**, please reach out to Judy Robinson or the church office (619-443-3412) for registration papers. Registration will close on Sunday, September 27th.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Sunday, September 6 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Viejas Feast Day

Sunday, September 13 – Children’s Mass at all reservations

Monday, September 21 -25 – Diocese Convocation for Priests

“You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.” (Matthew 16:18)
God does not call the perfect or extraordinary. Like Peter, ordinary men and women are invited to play extraordinary roles in His plan through priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Whatever your gifts or weaknesses, God can use you to build His Church and bring His love to the world. Talk to your priest or reach out to:

***DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and
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PASTOR’S CORNER

***“Who Do You Say That I Am?”
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday, Jesus asks his disciples one of the most important questions in all of Scripture: “Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:15).

Peter responds with faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

It is easy for us to repeat Peter's answer because we have heard it many times. But Jesus' question is not really asking for something we memorized in catechism. It is deeply personal: Who is Jesus to me?

Is he only someone I turn to when I am sick, frightened, grieving, or in trouble? Is he someone I encounter for an hour on Sunday and then leave behind when I return home? Or is he truly the center of my life—the One I trust, follow, and allow to guide my decisions?

In our first reading from Isaiah, we hear about authority and responsibility symbolized by a key placed upon the shoulder. In the Gospel, Jesus gives Peter "the keys to the Kingdom of heaven." But these keys are not given as a prize or a symbol of power for its own sake. They represent trust, responsibility, and service.

That speaks to every one of us. God has entrusted each of us with certain "keys." Parents have been entrusted with their children. Elders carry the wisdom and traditions they hand on to the next generation. Teachers are entrusted with their students. Leaders are entrusted with their communities. And every Christian has been entrusted with the Gospel.

The question is: What are we doing with the keys God has placed in our hands?

Here in our Native communities, we understand that what we receive from those who came before us is not simply ours to keep. Faith, family, traditions, wisdom, respect for our elders, and care for the land are gifts to be protected and handed on. Our Catholic faith is the same. We did not receive it simply for ourselves. We are called to pass it on by the way we live.

Peter was far from perfect. He would misunderstand Jesus, make mistakes, and even deny him. Yet Jesus still entrusted him with a mission. That should give all of us hope. God does not wait until we are perfect before He calls us. He calls us, loves us, and then transforms us as we follow Him.

So this week, perhaps we can sit quietly before the Lord and hear Jesus asking us personally:

"Who do you say that I am?"

And may our answer come not only from our lips but from our lives:

"Lord Jesus, you are the Christ. You are my Savior. You are my hope. You are the center of my life. And wherever you lead me, I will follow."

Yours in the Divine Word,

Fr. Herman Manuel, SVD
Prayer

***Creator God,
You have entrusted us with the
gift of faith.
Help us to know Jesus not only
with our minds,***

***but to love him with our hearts
and follow him with our lives.
Give us the courage of Peter to
profess our faith,
the humility to recognize our
weaknesses,
and the wisdom to use the gifts
you have entrusted to us
for our families, our communities,
and those who will come after us.
May our lives always proclaim:
"You are the Christ, the Son of the
living God."
Amen.***