

Weekend of February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

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, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mike Wise, 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, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Paolo Espiritu, John Clark, 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

Joseph Kardian, Bear Cuero, Autumn Cheyenne Russo, Frances Banegas

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:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Viejas: 3:00 PM

Barona: 4:30 PM

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

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 9 – Valentine's Day blessing of couples at all reservations

Friday, February 14 – Valentine's Day

Saturday, February 15 & Sunday, February 16 – Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) Kickoff weekend



On Our Way to Church

Praise be yours, Lord, on this Sunday, the day that you have made your own. Thank you for calling your people together each week to worship you. Bless us on our way to church.

Be powerfully present in every word we speak and hear, in every note we sing, and in every action we perform. In all we say and do, may yours be the praise and the glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Fr. Michael Kwatera, OSB

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

We are celebrating every year on the second Sunday of May, Mother's Day and every 3rd Sunday of June, Father's Day. So, why can't we just have a day called Parents' Day to celebrate both of our father and mother together as a couple?

Today we are celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. And for me this can be a good day to focus on both of our parents together. In the image of Joseph and Mary presenting Jesus in the Temple, we have a wonderful model of a husband and wife united together in practicing their faith and raising their child in the faith. In today's gospel both parents of Jesus, make a long journey to Jerusalem to present their firstborn Child Jesus in the Temple as the law of God requires them to do. The Law of Moses requires every firstborn of the people of Israel to be offered to God, for God had slain the firstborn of the Egyptians but spared those of the Israelites when he liberated Israel from slavery. Every firstborn of the Israelites was therefore a memorial of this great event in Israel's history.

I am sure that this is the first time the child Jesus enters His Temple. And His presence in the Temple makes a difference particularly on Simeon and Anna. It is because His presence is worth dying for. Just look at Simeon, he was ready to die not because of old age but because of his encounter with Jesus which simply completed and satisfied all his longings. For Simeon, only Jesus satisfies.

In this feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we are also celebrating the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Candelaria.

Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Actually, the Blessed Virgin Mary is not subject to the law of purification, but devotion and zeal to

honor God by every observance prescribed by His law, prompted Mary to perform this act of religion. The Law of Moses ordained that after childbirth a woman should continue for a certain period of time the law calls her unclean, during which time she was not to appear in public. This term was of forty days following the birth of a son, and double that time for a daughter. When the term expired, the mother was to bring to the Temple a lamb and a young pigeon or turtle-dove, as an offering to God. These being sacrificed to Almighty God by the priest, she was cleansed of the legal impurity and reinstated in her former privileges. A dove was required of all as a sin-offering, whether rich or poor; but as the expense of a lamb might be too great for the poor, these were allowed to substitute for it a second dove. Such was the case, Scripture tells us, for the Holy Family (v. 24).

On the Feast of Candelaria, candles are blessed on this day in commemoration of the words of Holy Simeon concerning Christ. Simeon calls Jesus the Light and sings with joy: "Now my eyes have seen your salvation which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel," (vv. 30-32). In the past, candles were blessed and carried in procession, signifying the entry of Jesus as the light of the world. The light is symbolized by the candles we use at Mass, particularly the Easter Candle, the Christmas candle and the baptismal candle. All these candles represent the love, the warmth and the joy of Christ. We are called to be Christ's candles too.

Today, as we commemorate three great events, the Presentation of the Lord, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Candelaria, let us be more like Simeon and Anna. Let us be joyful and announce to the world that Jesus Christ is the light that enlightens our lives. Let us strive to imitate also the humility of the ever-blessed Mother of God, remembering that humility is the path which leads to lasting peace and brings us closer to God, who gives His grace to the humble.



**God, the blessed
and only Ruler,
the King of kings
and Lord of lords.**

1 Timothy 6:15, 16