

Weekend of March 9

First Sunday of Lent

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, 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, Lulu Cabinatan, Donald Lee, Gabriel Marquez, Sr., Joseph Kardian, Bear Cuero, Autumn Cheyenne Russo, Frances Banegas, Diane Robetkey, Ed Sloan, Cindy McAllister

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:

Viejas: 3:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Barona: 4:30 PM

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

MARCH

Sunday, March 16 – Tuesday, March 18 –
Lenten Retreat with Most Rev. Felipe Pulido, 6:30 PM, Barona Clubhouse –
“Praise to God for a Living Hope”. All are invited to attend.

Monday, March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day

Saturday, March 29 – Sunday, March 30-
Annual Lenten Collection. This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network. Envelopes will be provided.

Lenten Prayer for Unity and Justice

Creator Spirit, help us respond to your call to be members of one family.
Guide us to constant, peaceful concern for sisters and brothers throughout the world. Make us mindful of the needs of those who must endure day by day the injustice of hunger and poverty.
Bless us all this Lenten season that we may live in harmony and unity with others. Renew our Christian commitment to the global family.

- Prayer Without Borders

PASTOR'S CORNER

Removing Distractions to focus on our Lenten Journey A reflection on the 1st Sunday of Lent

As we embark on this sacred journey of Lent, I want to take a moment to reflect on the significance of this season in our lives as Christians. Lent is a time of introspection, renewal, and deepening our relationship with God. It invites us to step away from the distractions of everyday life and to focus on our spiritual growth.

This Sunday, we begin our Lenten journey with the account of Jesus' temptation in the desert (Luke 4:1-13). After His baptism, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where He fasted for forty days and faced the temptations of the devil. This narrative serves as a powerful reminder that even Jesus, the Son of God, faced challenges and temptations. Yet, through prayer and reliance on Scripture, He remained steadfast in His mission and purpose.

As we reflect on this passage, let us consider the temptations we encounter in our own lives. These may manifest as desires for power, material wealth, or validation from others. Lent is an opportunity for us to identify these temptations and to respond to them with faith and resolve.

This season calls us to three essential practices: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer deepens our connection with God, allowing us to seek His guidance and strength. Fasting helps us to detach from worldly desires and to cultivate self-

discipline. Almsgiving reminds us of our call to serve others, fostering a spirit of generosity and compassion.

I encourage you to take intentional steps this Lent. Consider setting aside time each day for prayer and reflection. Perhaps you might choose to fast from something that distracts you from your relationship with God, whether it's social media, certain foods, or other habits. Let this be a time to grow closer to God and to reach out to those in need, whether through acts of kindness or financial support.

As we journey together through these forty days, let us remember that Lent is not merely about giving things up, but about drawing closer to Christ. It is a time of transformation—a chance to renew our commitment to live as disciples of Jesus.

May God bless you as we begin this holy season. Let us support one another in our Lenten practices and hold each other in prayer. Together, let us seek the grace to emerge from Lent renewed in spirit and ready to embrace the joy of Easter.

Have a blessed and joyful Lent.

