

Weekend of August 17 Twentieth 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, 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, 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, Rudy Duerro, Don Speer, Meta Roubedeaux, Eileen Hansotte, DJ LaChappa, Michael McKnight, Lulu Cabinatan, Donald Lee, Gabriel Marquez, Sr., Joseph Kardian, Bear Cuero, 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, Eva Walters, Spud Brown, Joseph Villaverde, Edna Gomez, Verta Tuck, Jack Ramirez, Rudy Duero

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

***Classes will resume Wednesday,
September 3rd!***

***OPEN HOUSE – Wednesday, August
27 at 5:00 PM at Barona Classroom!***

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Tuesday, August 19 – 6:30 PM at Rincon Hall
Planning meeting for Indigenous Day mass
*The mass will be held on Friday, 9/26/25 at
10:00 AM, Rincon, St. Bartholomew Mission
church.*

**Wednesday, August 27 – Religious
Education Open House Registration**
5:00 PM at Barona Classroom – Please come
and meet Father Herman and the staff who will
be teaching the classes. Please come and sign
up for the children and adult classes!
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*We have been notified by the bank
that checks should be made out to:
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish or
SKT Parish, not the name of the
mission churches. Thank you for
your cooperation in this matter.*

*Jesus wants to set our faith on fire, so
we can share His love with zeal.*

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PASTOR'S CORNER

"I have come to bring fire to the earth."

A reflection on the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already blazing!" These are not the quiet words we might expect from the Prince of Peace. But His peace is not the absence of struggle—it is the **deep harmony that comes from living in the Creator's truth**, even when that truth challenges old ways and causes division.

Our **Native ancestors** understood that **fire is sacred**. Fire gives light in the darkness, warmth in the cold, and it cooks the food that sustains life. But fire also **purifies**. It clears away what is dead so that new life can grow. Jesus speaks of this same kind of fire—the **fire of the Holy Spirit**—that burns away sin, fear, and falsehood, and sets our hearts ablaze with love for God and one another.

Jeremiah, in the first reading, was thrown into a muddy pit for **speaking the truth** God gave him. He stood firm, even when others rejected him. In our own history, many of our people

faced **hardship when they chose to walk in the ways of Christ**—sometimes even rejected by their own families. Yet they **persevered**, keeping their eyes fixed on the Creator's promise.

In our tradition, the fire in the center of the camp or the council circle is not just for light—it is the **heart of the community**. When we tend that fire, we keep our people strong. The **fire of Christ** is like that. It must be **cared for and fed by prayer, by acts of mercy, and by the courage to stand for what is right**.

This week, let us ask ourselves: Is the fire of faith burning in my heart, or has it grown dim? Am I willing to stand in the Creator's light, even if it brings challenges or division? May the Holy Spirit's fire keep us warm in love, strong in truth, and united in hope until we walk together into the eternal camp of heaven.

And they were all filled with the

HOLY SPIRIT.

ACTS 2:4

