Weekend of November 3

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Barona:</u>

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). <u>Viejas:</u> 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, Richard Nikas, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, 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 Marguez, Lulu Cabinatan, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Caroline Mendoza, Connie Devera, Don Speer, Meta Roubedeaux, Eileen Hansotte, DJ LaChappa, Marcella Villanova

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

<u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</u>

<u>Religious Education with Alyssa Parada</u>: Barona: 3:00 PM – First Communion Prep 4:15 – All ages Religious Ed

Sacramental Preparation with Mark Price:

Viejas: 3:00 PM Barona: 4:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Friday, November 1 – All Saints Day mass, 8:00 AM at Barona

<u>Saturday, November 2</u> – All Souls' Day Mass and Grave Blessing for the following:

> 11:00 AM – Viejas 12:00 PM – Los Conejos ***4:00 PM – Sycuan ***6:30 PM – Barona

***Sycuan and Barona will be anticipated masses for Sunday.

<u>Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 AM</u> – Daylight savings time ends. Reminder to move clocks back one hour.

Sunday, November 3 – 8:00 mass at Barona and 10:30 AM mass at Viejas only.

<u>Sunday, November 10</u> – Children's mass at all reservations.

Monday, November 11 – Veterans Day

November 10 – 15 – SVD retreat, Fr. Herman will be attending. There will be no 8:00 AM mass at Barona that week.

November 16 & 17 – National Needs Collection

Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Day

Love of God and love of neighbor are not mutually exclusive, but rather are mutually enriching. Demonstrate the love you have for God by acting in service to your neighbor in Christ. DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 1-800-553-3321

PASTOR'S CORNER

Greatest Commandment A reflection on the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once there was an elderly monk who prayed many years for a vision to strengthen his faith, but it never came. He had almost given up hope when, one day, a vision of Jesus appeared. The monk was overjoyed.

But then, right in the middle of the apparition, the monastery bell rang, which meant it was time to feed the poor who gathered daily at the monastery gate. It was the elderly monk's turn to feed them.

He was torn between staying and leaving the heavenly vision. With a heavy heart, he turned his back on the vision and went off to feed the poor.

After an hour, he returned to his room, and to his surprise, the apparition of the Lord was still there, waiting for him. As the monk dropped to his knees, the vision said to him, "My son, if you did not go to feed the poor, I would not have stayed."

The story illustrates the message in this 31st Sunday of the year which combines the love of God and love for neighbor. "You shall love the Lord your God. You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mk 12:30-31). Jesus adds, "There is no other commandment greater than these."

Not a few tend to separate the two, thinking that if they show their love for God by going to Sunday Mass and receiving Holy Communion, they have done their Christian obligation.

But for Jesus there can be no true love of God unless it expresses itself in love of one's neighbor. St. John in his letter puts it thus: "If anyone says 'I love God' but hates his brother, he is a liar" (1 John 4:20).

There's a lady who's a regular Mass goer and receives Holy Communion daily. However, she hates her niece over some altercation which happened some years ago. They've not been in talking terms. Some well-meaning relatives advised the pious aunt to get reconciled but she wouldn't. And so they go on ignoring one another.

This shows, among others, that loving God can be easier than loving one's fellowmen. No wonder a spiritual writer once said: "To live with the saints above, that is the highest glory. But to live with the saints below, that is another story."

Love for neighbor can be shown in various practical ways like visiting elderly folks or the sick, a word of encouragement to those going through crisis, a sincere praise or compliment, condoling with a bereaved family. For a needy bereaved, a financial help might be better than giving flowers.

ASK YOURSELF: Am I a prayerful Christian but sorely wanting in love and justice, say, towards my workers? In contrast, am I so engrossed in work and business that I no longer have time for prayer?

Christ's two commandments is a call to BALANCE in our Christian life the vertical relationship with God through prayers and sacraments with the horizontal relationship through service with people.

One without the other is imperfect. *Fr. Bel San Luis, SVD*

