

*Weekend of July 21 & 22, 2018*  
*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Mass Schedule

**Barona:**  
**Daily Rosary and Mass:** Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM.  
**Weekends:** Saturday, 5:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM.  
**Confessions:** Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 PM  
**Adoration:** 1st Thurs. of the month (6:00 PM) and 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).  
**Viejas:**  
**Weekends:** Sunday, 10:00 AM.  
**Confessions:** By appointment.  
**Sycuan:**  
**Weekends:** Sunday, Noon.  
**Confessions:** By appointment



Gilbert Rodriguez, Tom Hyde, Carol Lane, Anita Curo, Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Secora Nelson, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Gabe Dowell, Diana Pico, Clayton Curo, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Mary Whitespear, Frank LaChappa, Steve and Vera Tucker, Helen Cadiente, William and Berniece Marrujo  
**Please check prayer list and add names as desired.**

Mass Intentions – July 22, 2018

Weekend Masses:	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Darrell and Roni Romero Doreen Romero-Ford
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

**Sycuan:** Grades K-8, Class meets before Sunday Mass

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**So many people with needs, so little time. If you make time for prayer, God will help you with the rest.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, August 15 – Barona, Feast Day of Assumption at 6:30 PM mass followed by dinner**

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**Just a reminder**

There will be no daily masses July 16 – August 8.

Please contact Ed Nolan (619) 972-8711 during this time, if you need anything.

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**Becoming a Catholic--Sessions begin Thursday, August 9th, 5:00 PM at Kateri Hall, Viejas Reservation** This program is for adults who have not been baptized in any faith, or who were baptized in another Christian religion, and for those adult Catholics who have only been baptized. Baptized Catholics must bring a baptismal certificate. Those over age 18 should contact Ed Nolan, to begin preparations.



**Prayer for the Sick**

**Lord Jesus, our Saviour and our brother, listen to our prayer and look with love on others. Visit them in their time of sickness and fill them with the gifts of your Spirit, that they may have the courage to carry your cross, the strength to believe in your love, and the faith to persevere in hope and prayer. (Restore their strength and bring them back to full health.)**

**Lord Jesus, unite our prayer to your own, and present it to God most high. To God be glory and praise forever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

### **The Shepherds in Us. Are we ready to be leaders of our community?**

#### **A reflection on the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In our Gospel Reading, Mark shows us how Jesus was concerned about the wellbeing of his apostles. Remember that the Lord had sent them out two by two to preach throughout the towns of Galilee. After they returned he saw that they were tired. When he saw their fatigue he decided to take them to a peaceful place to rest, and so he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." But this did not happen. The plans that the Lord had made for himself and his apostles did not come to pass because there were so many people coming and going that it was impossible for them to rest. They did not even have a chance to eat. So Jesus decided to go off in a boat with his apostles to a more deserted place. But that did not occur either because the people arrived at the place before they did. What did this multitude of people see in Jesus to make them follow him in this way? What happened to them is what is still happening to people today. Vast crowds of people wander around like sheep without a shepherd. The people who followed the Lord saw in him the Good Shepherd who knows how to take care of his sheep. Jesus is also our Good Shepherd to whom we can go to tell our sorrows and our problems. And he will take care of us as he took care of his apostles.

The Lord chose the apostles so that when he was no longer physically among them they could be the shepherds of the Church. Later, over the years, they named their

successors. The Church has continued to name shepherds of the fold, successors of the apostles. With sadness we must recognize that the behavior of some bad shepherds has harmed the fold that is the Church. But we should not limit ourselves to speaking always about those bad shepherds, criticizing the Church and generalizing about the conduct of all of our shepherds. The ones who have not been good shepherds will have to answer to God for having offended him and for having taken advantage of his confidence in them. Sometimes we hear people who say, "If the priest has done things like that, why am I still in the Church?" But if we use this as a reason for distancing ourselves from the Good Shepherd and the Church we will be the ones who will have to answer to God. And we will also have to answer to God if we do not defend, valiantly, our good pastors and our Church.

We have heard what the prophet Jeremiah said in the First Reading, "Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture!" Let us not generalize, blaming the good shepherds for what the bad ones do. We should also realize that the ministers in Church are not the only shepherds. Before we judge others, let us ask ourselves, do I think about the responsibility that I have, as a Christian, to lead others as God asks me? We all have people who follow us, who watch what we do and who we should lead responsibly. We are all shepherds and we all have flocks to take care of. Our apostolate should be to bring people closer to God. Parents who should be leading your children, are you guiding them well or are you allowing them to take the wrong paths? And married couples, are you, through your example, trying to bring your husband or wife closer to God? How do I act as a parishioner? Do I give a good example in words and deeds as God asks me to do?

Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd and he asks us to be good shepherds also, to take care of our flocks and spread

his teachings. Are we ready to carry on our responsibilities?

