

Weekend of July 28 @

29, 2018

Seventeenth 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 29, 2018

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM Community of Barona

Sunday, 10:00 AM Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon Community of Sycuan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

If you are willing to share what you have, God will multiply your gifts. Imagine how God can use you to nourish a hungry world. Consider being a sister, brother, priest, or deacon.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 9 – Viejas reservation, Becoming a Catholic sessions at 5:00 PM, Kateri Hall. 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.

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

Religious Education Teachers in Barona

We are in need of teachers for K-8 and we need a teacher for the high school students for religious education. Contact Fr. Herman or Brother Ed if interested or if you have any questions.

Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depths of our hearts.

----Mother Teresa

Father Joe's Village Ladies Guild cordially invites you to attend our annual free MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON, as we celebrate our 35th anniversary, highlighting our important volunteer opportunities to assist the children at Father

Joe's Village. Our Ladies Guild is a group of terrific women who truly care about bringing some happiness to children that find themselves in living conditions not of their own making. Hope you will join us.

"MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON"

Monday, September 10, 2018, 11:00 AM
St. Gregory the Great Parish
11451 Blue Cypress Drive
Scripps Ranch (San Diego 92131)
Free Event; Free Parking
INFORMATION: Margie Mills at 619-733-7410 or
margie.r.mills@gmail.com

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Eucharist and Us-How it keeps us from being
strongly bonded with God
Reflection on the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bread is something that has been common to all cultures for a long time. Since Jesus blessed bread at the Last Supper it has been central ever since in the Mass. In the Gospel today it was bread that was taken by Jesus on that hillside as he set about feeding the crowd of five thousand people. His reaction to their need is one of compassion. He acts because of who he is and because of who he is he acts. His multiplication of the loaves shows his power. It is apparent that that is the least of his concerns. One of the results of his action by multiplying the loaves is that he does show his power over the natural order of things. When Jesus looks up and sees a large crowd coming toward him, and seeing how little food there was, we can imagine his heart sinking. He knows they are hungry. Immediately he plans to feed them. Jesus took the five loaves and gave thanks. This thanks is to his Father in heaven who will help him to multiply the available food. This giving thanks to his Father shows how he is not seeking his own glory. All the people are thankful for what Jesus has just done for them. We see how misplaced their feelings are towards him though; as a gesture of thanks they want to make him king over them. We gain insight into who is and about his mission when he flees from this kind of fame back to the mountain alone.

Jesus had done what was necessary for the crowd. Even as he withdraws they remain the crowd, only their bodily hunger is satisfied by what he has done for them. Who he really is remains veiled to them. Their reaction is to have him crowned as their leader, he is not seen by them as divine. He is not worshipped as the presence of God amongst them. Soon they will hunger for the next meal, and

soon they will want to seek out this miracle-maker, this loner, in the mountain again. You can feel how he grieves about the crowd's misunderstanding of what he had done for them. He would want to say to them that I don't need earthly crowns as a thank you; see instead who I am: *I am God-with-you.*

When we gather for the Eucharist we gather as God's people, not as God's crowd. We come together as God's followers to have our deepest needs fulfilled. We have the desire in our hearts to thank him. We want to make him king in our hearts. His presence now, as then, remains veiled. With faith we recognize him in the Eucharist. 'By the consecration of the bread and wine, there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of body of Christ our Lord, and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood' (CCC. no. 1376). This food we partake of in the Eucharist is one that 'is crammed with heaven.'

We can't be fully satisfied as God's people who gather week after week for the bread of life and not feel the crying need of our sisters and brothers who long for ordinary food. Does not our hearts warm when we see on our television screens pictures of emergency relief ships offloading its precious cargo on to the docks for starving millions in another continent. However, limited our efforts at helping the people who have little to survive we feel better: the rich are giving to the poor. This time countless crowds are being fed on other hillsides and townships. Because we have received so much of God's good things there is an expectation on his part that we act likewise. When we act out of the love of God by helping another, whether far away or next-door, it is Jesus again coming to this people and answering a need.

Jesus is serious about us. He cares about us wherever he finds us scattered. His coming to us in his body and blood calls each of us to give totally of ourselves as he gives totally of himself in this Sacrament.

Jesus, too, wants us to 'look up' and to 'catch sight' of the people and situations he is calling us to help. There is a spiritual hunger that only God can truly satisfy far more acute than the hunger for ordinary bread. God is the giver of all things, human and divine. Blame can't be cast on to God for the imbalance existing between rich and poor, and indeed when it comes to spiritual things equally. Jesus shows how he deals with both the spiritual need and physical need in the multiplication of the loaves and at the Last Supper. He gives himself now as our source of life. He wishes to be Lord of our lives. We pray to make a place for him in

our lives. In this coming week we can thank him for coming to us as Lord of our lives. We pray, as he chose to come to me, that through me, others will be drawn to be filled with the bread of life, who is the light of the world for all people.

“I AM
the bread of

LIFE”