

Weekend of January 20

@ 21, 2018

3rd Sunday in Ordinary

Time



Mass Schedule

Barona:

Daily Rosary and Mass: Wednesday 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).

Viejias:

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, Lourdes Adora, Donna Berardi, Secora Nelson, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Gabe Dowell, Diana Pico, Clayton Curo, Bobby Malibago, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Judy Bonnell

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – Jan. 21, 2018

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM Mel and Buddy Curo

Sunday, 10:00 AM Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon Community of Sycuan

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 4 – Children's Mass

Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 PM – Parish Financial Meeting

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Barona: Classes for Grades K – 8 at Barona meet on Thursdays, at 2:30 and 3:30.

Viejias: Classes meet on Wednesdays, 3:30, Kateri Hall.

FIRST EUCHARIST (COMMUNION):

Requirements: For children baptized in another parish, a baptismal certificate is required. All children must be enrolled in the appropriate grade level of the parish religious education program for two years.

Additional Information: Children will usually make their Penance (Confession) and First Communion in the 3rd Grade. Children beginning the program in the 3rd Grade or later will receive these sacraments after their second year of preparation.

JUST A REMINDER

Ed Nolan's days on the reservations will be Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week. He will still be available for Children's Masses, and will have

some availability for anniversaries and funerals.



2018 Calendars are available in the back of the church, be sure and pick one up!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our first reading today is from the Book of the Prophet Jonah. I think that most people know something about this story. I have a mental image of Jonah either in the mouth or in the belly of a whale. I probably saw this in a Bible story book that my parents gave to me in church as a young boy hoping to keep me quiet.

Today we heard just a short snippet from the Book of Jonah. The whole story is very interesting. God told Jonah to go preach to the Ninevites, people who were despised by the Hebrews. But, instead of going east to Nineveh, Jonah went west. I'm sure we can all connect with this part of the story. God tells us to go one direction, so we go another.

Running out of land as he headed away from Nineveh, Jonah next took a boat out into the Mediterranean Sea. To stop a severe storm, Jonah jumped overboard and a large "fish" swallowed him and spit him back on the shore after three days. Here again, we can connect with the story since many of us wander away from God for much longer than three days before returning to him.

Finally deciding that he better do what God told him, Jonah goes to Nineveh and the people repent before Jonah can walk through the whole city. This really made Jonah mad because he still hated the Ninevites.

This story had a moral for the Hebrew people and it has one for us today. God wants *all* people, no matter what we personally think about them. The Hebrew people waffled back and forth about this; we do the same today.

During an RCIA class in Oakland, the parish's catechist, Yvonne was doing Breaking Open the Word when her co-facilitator told the class that only Catholics can go to heaven. This immediately brought up the question about people who do not yet know Christ, such as the Ninevites who had not heard of Yahweh before Jonah arrived with the good news.

Yvonne knew that God's salvation is much wider than just Catholics, but didn't have enough information at her fingertips to discuss the issue. But she knew where to find it. After class, she and I went to the office and went straight to the Catechism textbook so that she could set things right in the next RCIA class. Both she and I read what Paragraph 847 says:

"Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or his Church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart, and, moved by grace, try in their actions to do his will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience — those too may achieve eternal salvation."

This seems to be quite a challenge to some Catholics. The paragraph means that any people, living in the farthest recesses of our globe, can achieve eternal salvation if they live a moral life according to what they have learned. If they have not heard about Christ, it is not their problem, but that of we 2 billion Christians that have not yet brought them the Good News. And we've had over 2,000 years to do so.

We must be careful not to judge people, but to leave judging up to God. Only God can see into people's hearts. God made all people in his image and he wants everyone of us.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us, "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel." And some men immediately left what they were doing and followed him. The kingdom of God is still at hand. We must change our ways and bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all peoples.



**JONAH
& THE
BIG FISH**