

*Weekend of August 19*

*@ 20, 2017*

*20<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Viejas:**

**Weekends:** Sunday, 10:00 AM.

**Confessions:** By appointment.

**Sycuan:**

**Weekends:** Sunday, Noon.

**Confessions:** By appointment



Gilbert Rodriguez, Tom Hyde, Elijah Diaz (Bear), Carol Lane, Anita Curo, Sue Kierig, Colleen Crowden, Ro Harrison, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Lourdes Adora, Donna Berardi, Jake Calhoun & Family, Gutierrez Family, Santos Family, Betty Peleo, Floreste Artlluga Family, Balegut Family, Secora Nelson, Evelyn McCormick, Daniel Vicaldo, Toddy Yeats, Caroline Mendoza, Ruiz Family, Cash Osuna-Sutton, Gabe Dowell, Barbara Rogers, Bob Pilkington, Jan Jacobs

*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

**Mass Intentions – August 20, 2017**

**Weekend Masses:**

Sunday, 8:00 AM	Mel and Buddy Curo
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

**Lectors Needed:** Please sign up to be a lector. It is an important ministry within the Mass.



**Barona:** We are in desperate need of teachers for our religious education program, Grades K – 8. It is the responsibility of the parish, with your help, to educate our children in our Catholic faith. Please volunteer to help in this very important ministry. Contact Father Herman for more information.

**Upcoming Events**

**Anniversary Mass for Evelyn Lloyd:** Saturday, Sept. 2. Mass at 10:00 AM, Barona, followed by blessing of the headstone. Reception follows.

**Sunday, September 10:** Feast Day of the Viejas Mission, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 10:00 AM Mass, followed by potluck in the hall.

**Anniversary Mass for Elmer (Bud) Mendoza:** Saturday, September 23. Mass at 10:00 AM, Barona, followed by blessing of the headstone. Reception follows.

**Open Hands**

Loving God, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Fill our hearts with a compassion like your own that we may faithfully serve you by responding to the needs of those whom it would be easy for us to forget. In this and every land, break down the barriers of ignorance, indifference, and greed,

that the multitudes that hunger may share your bounty.

Amen.

--Education for Justice



### *From the Pastor's Desk*

Picture yourself shopping for a used car. You go into a dealership and, finding the exact car you want, you ask the salesperson about the guarantee. He looks with a meaningful gaze into your eyes and tells you that he attends church each Sunday, is devoted to his wife and children, coaches youth sports and then says "if anything goes wrong with the car you can take my word that I will do right by you". You then go down the street to another used car dealer, find the same car, ask about the guarantee and are told by the salesperson you will get a written, signed money back guarantee, no strings attached. Which car do you buy?

In Hebrews today we hear that faith is confidence in a future reality ("Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen").

Our culture trains us to always go for the guarantee, preferably in writing. In business, a contest between a guarantee and a promise is no contest. However, our personal relationships – both with our God and with one another – are built on promises rather than guarantees.

One question couples are asked when they come to the Church to plan a wedding is whether or not they are attaching any conditions to their consent. The examples we use with them to help answer the question are things like "I will marry you if you continue your education and become a doctor". In reality, the question of attaching conditions can be more subtle – "I will marry you as long as we continue to love each other" or "I will marry you as long as we remain happy together". This is the mentality of the contract, not the covenant, in a

relationship. A covenant relationship is God telling Abraham: "I will be your God and you will be my people and no matter what you do I will remain your God." We are called to the same level of faith in our relationships. We are called to say to one another and to our God "I am for you, with you, following you NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS".

Our God calls us to a life of faith.

We are called to believe in the presence, love and care of the Lord in our lives. Not a Lord who requires bargaining ("if I do this God, will I get that"). God and men and women are lovers, not business people in a negotiation. Like a bride and groom, God and us make promises to one another.

Faith means we believe in the promise. We do not watch the events of our lives and try to interpret the good and bad moments as signs of God's love or lack of love for us. That is a contract mentality. Instead, with faith, we trust that we are sons and daughters of God and that God is with us through the joys and sorrows of our lives. We have no promise of a life free from pain – we do have faith, however, in the promise of our God to wipe away our tears.

Faith means we believe in a loving God. Not a God who pores over our daily lives as if they were spelling quizzes, searching for our errors; instead, our God looks for our patterns of faithfulness – looks for us to try, sometimes fail, admit failures, seek forgiveness, try harder again and rely more on God and each other.

At the end of Luke's Gospel today we hear: "From everyone to whom much as been given, much will be required".

Gathered in church we are ministers and witnesses to the gospel. Much has been given to us. We have the words of our Lord to believe and to proclaim. Much is expected of us. We are expected to live out our lives in the spirit of the gospel.

