

Weekend of November 3 & 4, 2018
 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

High school Confirmation class, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

Mass Schedule
<p>Barona: 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</p>

You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. Let us pray for an increase to the vocation of priesthood, pray for the priests who serve us.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 8 - There will be no Bible study on this Thursday.

Thursday, November 22 – Thanksgiving Day mass, 8:00 AM in Barona

Sunday, December 2 – Children’s Mass



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, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Stephen Nolan
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.



It is with deep appreciation to all who honored me at the celebration of my 50th anniversary. Your outpouring of gratitude and love touched my heart with overflowing joy. My greatest happiness for the past forty years has been ministering on the reservations “sharing in your happy moments and your sad times”. All of you are my blessings and I ask God to continue to shower you with His grace and His love.

With much affection,

Edward “Bro” Nolan

Mass Intentions – November 4, 2018	
Weekend Masses:	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	John and Dora Curo
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Barona : Grades K-8: Class meets on Thursday, 2:45 pm and 4:00 pm
High School: – Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Sycuan: Grades K-8, Class meet at 10:30 a.m. before Sunday Mass

Prayer for strength and peace

O Lord,

You are the light that guides my feet.
 You are the map that gives me direction.
 You are the peace that makes me strong.
 You are the leader whom I faithfully follow.

May your light illuminate my life
 And your guidance bring direction.

May I find inspiration in your word
And peace in my heart as I follow you.

Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Love God with all your Heart, Soul, Mind and
Strength

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."

We talk a lot about our love of God, or more so about our love of neighbor, but the truth of the matter is that many, if not most, of us really love ourselves! Love of self, the least and the last of the commandments of Jesus, is in reality our top priority—naturally. Only by God's grace can we really and truly transcend our selfishness and pride.

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.

Our celebration of All Saints Day last Thursday, reminded us that we all are called to become saints—i.e., to live according to God's will and to become obedient to God's plan. Our life must be a constant effort to go beyond our weaknesses and failures toward greater holiness and selflessness. The thing is not to give up on ourselves (God does not give up on us!) and to just keep on going and just keep on loving.

On the other hand, All Souls Day which we celebrated last Friday, reminded us; too, that life has an end. We will all die, sooner or later. Jesus tells us that love, only love, can truly give us a meaningful life; not only that, love itself is our "ticket" to eternal life!

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.

