

Weekend of July 15 &

16, 2017

15th 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, Bob & 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

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – July 15, 2017

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM Mel & Buddy Curo

Sunday, 10:00 AM Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon Community of Sycuan

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC (RCIA)
CLASSES BEGIN IN AUGUST**

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.

Requirements: Baptized Catholics must bring a baptismal certificate.

Additional Information: Adults will make the sacraments needed in order to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Those over age 18 should contact Ed Nolan, to begin preparations for these sessions.

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

Christian Service Prayer

*God the father, I give you thanks for all the
marvels you have created.*

*I praise you and I bless you for the
inestimable grace of life that you give to us,
Transform me, make me a better Christian, a
living testimony of your mercy and of your
power.*

*Strip me, Lord, of all roots of bitterness,
of false pride and haughtiness of heart.
Make me meek and humble of heart as was
our Lord Jesus Christ, and never let me
wound with my words or actions the dignity of
any person.*

*Put in my heart the ardent desire to work
earnestly for the poor and needy.*

*Show me the garment with which you clothed
me the day I received you as Lord and Savior
of my life. May I wear those garments at the
service of my neighbor and of this community.*

Sacramental Preparation

MARRIAGE:

Requirements: Please contact the priest at least nine months prior to the wedding date. If you were baptized in another parish, a baptismal certificate is required. You are required to take the Pre-Cana, Evenings for the Engaged, or a weekend Engaged Encounter. Any previous marriages must be

considered and canonically processed by the Church.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Requirement: Please contact Father Herman for anointing.

Additional Information: The Sacrament of the Sick is intended for all those who are ill, who are suffering from a chronic condition, who will be hospitalized, or who need prayers for any physical, spiritual, or emotional healing. This sacrament can be received many times.

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Perfection is something most of us would like to have. Most of us would have to humbly admit that being a perfect person is a goal that we would have to work at a great deal if ever we were ever to reach it. Of course we live from day to day with our own imperfections and with those of others. We can often dream of what might make us happy: the perfect spouse, friend, group, job or profession, my neighborhood and that perfect holiday of a lifetime. Natural disasters occur in different parts of the world, often there is a local tragedy, maybe a personal illness or in the family, the loss of one's job, which could easily lead me to conclude: is there any meaning or purpose to my life?

Before I continue down this road of low spirits there's another side of life that I can allow to slip in to the sadder part of me. It is almost certain that tomorrow the sun will rise like it did this morning; maybe today I feel grateful that I have been helped along in life by so many good people, family and friends alike. Here at this very moment I can just bathe in thankfulness.

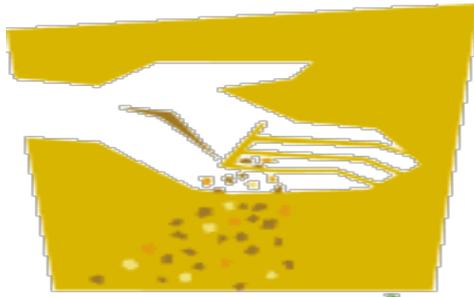
Today I can allow myself to be touched by what is perfect. No one is perfect except God the Father, Jesus said. All perfection is in God, as a unity of persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. That community of Three Persons has perfection, and is its source. All the good I see, hear and feel is from God who is all good. God created all that exists and he said it 'was very good,' Out of his infinite love he created each one of us and everything around us for our benefit. In his great love he then sustains all he created. That's who our God is; that's what he does for every single person and thing he has created.

There is something else that God gives us today out of

word. His word is like a seed scattered on the earth. His word is perfect, because the word comes from him. His perfect word comes into an imperfect world. His word seeks out the rich soil of our lives where it can come and live and bear fruit. Failure cannot be in the power of God's word; failure lies with the poverty of the soil in our lives. God's word comes to us at top quality as a good radio station will try to transmit to its listening audience; the quality of reception from that station will then depend on how well the radio is tuned. No matter how good the radio transmitter, a poor quality radio and one that's poorly tuned is likely to produce a poor reception.

God's perfect word is sent out and comes to us seeking a hearing in our hearts and minds – seeking a place to live. Firstly, I become good soil for the seed of God's word in me once I acknowledge that I do need God in the first place, secondly, God's word can take root in me in the most unlikely places, that is, in my brokenness. Where I feel I am most weak and broken can be the places where the soil is best for God to speak to me and to speak from to others. Where am I weak and broken? In my weakness I can tell others how I have been touched by God's perfect word, and the wonders he has done for me? It is not a question as to what is right or wrong in my life that matters to the word bearing fruit, it is a matter of whether I am open to what God's plans are for me. I must try never to deny him the joy that he takes in coming more and more into my life.

When I let God into my life more and more he is taking up his rightful place; in other words, he sets up his kingdom there. It is in my heart that God's kingdom wishes to set up and where his kingdom comes. God's gracious plan for all his people is that his wish be fulfilled in as many as possible. I may feel at this moment that the task ahead is too daunting for me and for the rest of the world, it is not; because the meaning of this simple parable today is that the kingdom of heaven will be successful in spite of all frustration and difficulty. My life may be strewn with rocks, weeds and thorns these are obstacles too big sometimes for me tackle, they are not, for he who is the Sowing One. All I have to do is let him in. Can I do that? He will do the rest. There will then be a glorious outcome for me: I will be the rich soil that produces a one hundred percent return. I will then have reflected God's life to the world revealing that what begins in grace ends in glory.



TODAY'S
SERMON