

*Weekend of July 29 @
30, 2017*

17th 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 30, 2017

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM Community of Barona

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.

Summer Prayer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.



Sacramental Preparation

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN 7 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER (RCIA):

Requirements: Children must be enrolled in the appropriate grade level of the parish religious education program for two years. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics, according to Church regulations.

Additional Information: Parents and children should be attending Mass regularly. Children will receive Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion at the Easter Vigil or on Easter morning. Parents, godparents, and the children must attend all rites and ceremonies leading up to the reception of these

sacraments. Only one godparent, of the same gender as the child, is required.

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Happy 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time! I am really happy to be back after a beautiful and enlightening 4-day experience at the Tekakwitha Conference held at Rapid City, South Dakota this past July 19-22. It was my second time (the first was in North Dakota in 2015). The theme of this year's conference was: Loving One Another through the Spirit of St. Kateri. I received more insight about our patron saint's way of loving and being compassionate to her fellowmen. Moreover, because of this exemplary virtue, another Native American by the name of Black Elk who was truly inspired by St. Kateri, followed her footsteps and is now being considered as another saint in the making. His beautification is being processed by now. Both St. Kateri Tekakwitha and Black Elk are what I call the gold treasures that the Native Americans possess with great joy in their lives today. However, they are also willing to share them to all the people of the world most especially those who are stricken with illnesses.

What a coincidence! Our Gospel in this 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time tells about "the Kingdom of Heaven being like a treasure buried in the field, which a person finds and hides again and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys the field again." (Matt 13:44)

I believe as human beings we are always striving to better ourselves. We are treasure hunters. Years ago people looked for hidden treasures in fields, hills and the seas. Today we hope for treasure in scratch cards or the lottery. We are

always searching for ways or things that will make us completely happy.

A little history, In 1849, Gold was discovered in California. Ranchers and farmers scurried across the continent in hope of finding and harvesting some of the yellow metal. There was a man in Kansas who wanted more than just harvesting wheat every year. He wanted to leave his wife, four small children and farm in search of fortune.

However, he listened to his wife's plea of not to go and stayed at home. One night he had a dream and he saw himself in a room full of gold. He was hungry but all he saw were gold nuggets. He called his wife hoping to be comforted by the warmth of her love, but there was only the coldness of the yellow metal. He longed to look into the sparkle of his children's eyes but all he saw was the sparkle of his lifeless riches. When he woke he realized that through a dream what his true values were. Through a dream he had become a wise man and knew his responsibilities.

Responsibilities, even for a wise person can carry a heavy burden. But we know from St. Paul today in our second reading "We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love Him". It is a vital part of our wisdom, our responsibility, to place ourselves in the hands of God, to pray for His help, to acknowledge that all good gifts come from God. Life, family, friends, vocation. Respect and appreciate the treasures we have. The treasures we have bring peace to the heart, joy to the mind and beauty to life. There is no need to dig for them. They are in front of us on the ground we stand. Those who belong to the kingdom of God taste real joy. That joy is only a foretaste of what they will experience hereafter, when they come into full possession of the Kingdom of God.

I want to end by a beautiful and moving quote from a future saint: Black Elk: "The first peace which is the most important is that which comes within the souls of the people when they realize that their relationship, their oneness with the Universe and all its powers, and when they

realize that at the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit and that this center is really everywhere. It is within each one of us. "

