

Weekend of August 3 & 4, 2019
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Barona:

Mass: Tuesday 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, 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, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Mary Whitespear, Steve and Vera Tucker, Helen Cadiente, Berniece Marrujo, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Stephen Nolan, Agnes Ruiz, Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Debbie Gonzalez, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Judy Robinson

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – August 4, 2019

Weekend masses:

Sunday, 8:00 Barona – John and Dora Curo

Sunday, 10:00 Viejas – Community of Viejas

Sunday, 12:00 Sycuan – Community of Sycuan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Barona – Class will begin on **Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019** at 2:45 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Viejias – Class will begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019** at 3:30 p.m.

Sycuan – Class will begin week of Sept. 16th – time and place to be determined.

If you have any questions, please contact Brother Ed Nolan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 15, 2019 -- Barona, Feast of the Assumption and Holy Day, 6:30 PM mass

Saturday, September 7, 2019 -- 80th Anniversary of the Viejas Mission Church. All are Invited to Celebrate this great event. 6:30 PM mass.

Jesus calls us to be generous with the gifts that he has given. When we share our treasures with others, we will have true treasure in heaven.

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Recommended Catholic School

If you are thinking about sending your child to a Catholic school, we would recommend Holy Trinity Catholic school. Fr. Rey from Pala, is the new pastor and has a greater understanding of Native American youth. The number of the school is 619-444-7529.

Their website is holyltrinityschoolcajon.com for more information.

Religious Education Teachers Needed in Barona

We are in need of teachers for K-8 and we need a teacher for the high school students for religious education. Contact Fr. Herman or Brother Ed if interested or if you have any questions.

Novena Prayer to defeat SB 24

Virgin of Guadalupe,

Mother of the Christ Child and Patroness of all unborn children,

We implore your intercession

For the defeat of Senate Bill 24 and for the protection of all human life.

Guide our public officials to see the tragedy and the injustice of
abortion

And to defend each and every human life through just laws.

Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life,

To speak for those who have no voice.

We ask this in the name of your Son,

Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself.

Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.



When Possessions Become Obsessions

A reflection on the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A preacher notices a woman in the congregation who begins to weep as soon as he begins to preach. Thinking he has made a big catch he preaches with even greater fervor. The more he preaches, the more the woman cries. Finally, the preaching over, it is time to give testimonies. The preacher points to the woman and says, "Sister, I can see you were mightily moved as we proclaimed the word of God. Now can you please share with us what it is that convicts your spirit so much." The woman hesitates, but the pastor insists so she comes up and takes the microphone. "You see," she begins, "Last year I lost my he-goat, the most precious thing I possessed. I prayed and cried much over it and then I forgot all about it. But as soon as you came out to preach and I saw your goatee, it reminded me all over again of the he-goat. I still cry whenever I remember it." She did not remember one word of what the preacher said.

Possessions are necessary for life. But possessions can assume such an importance in one's life that they become obsessions. When one is so concerned about the things that one could have that one does not have, so much so that one can no longer hear the urgent call of God, then one has indeed got one's priorities all mixed up. Such is the man in today's gospel who asks Jesus to come and make his brother give him his share of the family inheritance. Jesus is not against him having more wealth, nor is he against justice being done between him and his brother. Jesus is rather disappointed that after listening to all his preaching,

the first concern of this man still remains his share of the inheritance. This man is in the same position as the woman who was brooding over her lost goat while the words of life were falling on deaf ears. Like the woman, this man also could probably not remember one word of what the preacher said.

Jesus, fearing there could be more people in the crowd like this man, turns and says to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions" (Luke 12:15). Greed? What greed? The man was only asking for justice to be done between him and his brother. Shouldn't a man of God be concerned for fairness? O, yes. Jesus warns us that greed comes in many guises, even in the guise of concern for justice. Have you ever heard a respectable man opposing plans to improve conditions for welfare recipients: "I've worked and paid taxes all my life. How can the government spend my money on welfare recipients who do nothing but sit down and do drugs all day?" Sounds like an argument for justice and fairness. But it could indeed be greed in disguise. That is why Jesus warns us and emphasizes it: "Take care! Be on your guard against *all kinds* of greed." Greed can be upfront or subtle, conscious or unconscious. We must be on our guard against greed in all its norms.

To illustrate his point Jesus tells the Parable of the Rich Fool. When you read the parable you ask yourself, "What wrong did this man do?" Think about it. The man did his honest work on his farmland. The land gave a bumper harvest. The man decided to build a larger storage for the crop so that he could live the rest of his life on Easy Street. Only he did not know that the rest of his life was less than twenty-four hours. Jesus uses him as an illustration of greed even though he took no one's thing. He did not do something wrong. His greed lies in what he did not do.

Sir Fred Catherwood is quoted as saying that greed is "the belief that there is no life after death. We grab what we can while we can however we can and then hold on to it hard." Now you see why the rich man qualifies as an example of greed. Now you see why Jesus was so hard on greed. Greed is the worship of another god. The name of that god is Mammon or Money or Materialism. Today's gospel invites us to believe in the God of Jesus Christ who alone can give eternal life and not in the god of this world who gives us the false promise of immortality through accumulation of possessions.

By Fr Munachi E. Ezeogu, cssp



"We know money can't buy happiness, so we usually use it for material possessions."