

Weekend of October 12 & 13, 2019
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule
<p><u>Barona:</u> 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). <u>Viejias:</u> Weekends: Sunday, 10:00 AM. Confessions: By appointment. <u>Sycuan:</u> Weekends: Sunday, Noon. Confessions: By appointment</p>



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, Steve and Vera Tucker, Helen Cadiente, Berniece Marrujo, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, 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
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – October 13, 2019

Weekend masses:
 Sunday, 8:00 Barona – Charlie and Gene Curo
 Sunday, 10:00 Viejas – Community of Viejas
 Sunday, 12:00 Sycuan – Community of Sycuan

Viejias – Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Sycuan – Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Month of October - We will be doing a headcount for the Diocesan records.

Wednesday, October 16 – Bro Ed Study begins, 4:00 PM, Barona (see below)

Sunday, October 20 – World Mission Sunday collection

Sunday, November 10 - Children’s Mass, all reservations

Sunday, December 1 – Tuesday, December 3 – Parish Retreat, Barona, 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 7 – 80th Anniversary of the Viejas Mission Church

Sunday, December 15 – Children’s Mass, all reservations



Thursday, October 31, 2019 – All Saints Vigil Mass, 6:00 PM - Sycuan

Friday, November 1, 2019 – All Saints Day Mass, 8:00 AM - Barona



Saturday, November 2, 2019 – All Souls Mass and Grave Blessing
 11:00 AM – Viejas
 12:00 PM – Conejos

4:00 PM – Sycuan (There will be no mass Sunday, November 3)
 6:30 PM – Barona (There will be no mass Sunday, November 3)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Barona – Thursdays, 2:45 p.m & 4:00 p.m.

Fall Holiday and Holy Days Celebrations and their Meanings

What do you know about the spiritual, cultural and social celebrations of Halloween, All Saints, All Souls (Day of the Dead) and Thanksgiving? Their origins have a completely different meaning than they have today. How do we celebrate these holidays today? Come explore some exciting and little known facts about these celebrations!

Wednesdays 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/13 & 11/20
4:00-5:00 PM, Brother Ed's office.

**Gratitude leads to praise. For what are you thankful?
Share your gratitude.**

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*While Fr. Herman is away, in case of emergency,
you may contact the following:*

*Barona – Fr. Reynaldo Manahan, 619-444-9425
(Holy Trinity Parish)*

*Viejias – Fr. Tim Deutsch, 619-445-2145 (Queen of
Angels Parish)*

*Sycuan – Fr. Reynald Evangelista, 619-444-9425
(Holy Trinity Parish)*



**A Beautiful and Powerful Prayer Each Day:
Giving Thanks to the Lord
A reflection of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In our Gospel story today, there were ten lepers who got cured but only one returned back to thank the Lord. What happened to the other nine?

Leprosy was a terrible disease; terrible not only because it destroyed the body but also because its victims were

separated from their families and society. There were very strict laws that prohibited lepers from mixing with "healthy" folks. Imagine the suffering of lepers!

I bet the cured lepers ran home to their families. They must have been thrilled beyond description. There must have been some grand celebrations. But why did only one return? I'm sure all intended to return and thank the Lord.

Well, perhaps we can understand if we put it in modern-day language. So here goes: Mary had to return home and clean the house. There were only men living there and the place was a mess! Aaron arrived home just in time to save the harvest; he worked day and night. Saul was so smothered by the love of his family that he forgot all about the Miraculous Doctor. Martha had to catch up on her favorite TV serial: "The Young and the Stupid." She watched all the episodes she had missed. David found his business in crisis and dedicated himself to getting it in order. Amos returned to find that his wife had remarried and moved away. He drank his pain away. Peter lost his old job and was looking for a new one. Anna headed back to thank the Lord but could not resist that "SALE" sign in Wildstein's Department Store. And Joseph sold his story to the Inquirer!

So, there you go! Excuses, excuses, excuses! All except Simon the Samaritan.

Jesus had given the sick the gift of life, and, like any gift, it cannot be complete without a "thank you." We teach our children to say "Thank you." (Well, we used to teach our kids that, anyway.) We celebrate Thanksgiving each year as a national holiday. We have a need to say thanks. We celebrate the Eucharist each week. "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving." A gift requires a "thank you;" not so much for the giver but for the receiver. The poet George Herbert wrote: "O God you have given us so much. Give us one more thing – a grateful heart."

As a pastor, I see miracles all the time. I really do. I can't tell you how many times people have been cured of diseases – sometimes with no logical medical explanation. When people are sick or dying, they take their relationship with the Lord seriously! Many return to the Sacraments and change their priorities in life. But when the crisis is past, I never see some of them again!

If we examine our lives, we can see God's hand in so many instances and "close calls." We all have been touched by Jesus. Have our lives changed as a result of the encounter? Are you like one of the nine: superficial in your relationship with Christ except when you think you really need him? Or have you responded like the Samaritan: your life utterly changed and devoted to Jesus?

Some time ago, I read this imagined conversation between the Lord and the Samaritan.

"My dear Simon, so you came back. The only one to do so. The other nine have been declared clean by the priests, but I assure you their cure is only skin deep. Their

leprosy is gone but nothing else about them has changed. After their bitter and hurtful experience, they have returned to their own selves. They have not benefited from the slightest from what they have been through. They are the same old people with the same hard attitudes, mean ways, selfish habits, worldly concerns, shallowness and superficiality of life. They never suspect that a person can have inner leprosy as well. I mean leprosy of mind and heart. They are still suffering from that and it is unlikely that they will ever be cured of it. They are not even aware of it. But you, Simon, are a new man. Your cure is not skin deep. It has reached into your mind and heart. Stay like that and you'll never forget this day. Go in peace now, and, by the way, thank you for thanking me."

