

Weekend of August 11 & 12, 2018  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

**Barona:**  
**Daily Rosary and 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).  
**Viejas:**  
**Weekends:** Sunday, 10:00 AM.  
**Confessions:** By appointment.  
**Sycuan:**  
**Weekends:** Sunday, Noon.  
**Confessions:** By appointment



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  
*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

Mass Intentions – August 12, 2018

Weekend Masses:	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Charlie and Gene Curo
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

**Sycuan:** Grades K-8, Class meets before Sunday Mass

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 Jesus continue to draw those who believe. Our world is hungry and thirst for the Bread of Life. Consider sharing your faith. Consider ministry in the Church.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, August 15** – Barona, Feast Day of Assumption at 6:30 PM mass followed by dinner

**Thursday, August 23** – 5:30 PM, Religious Education Teacher Appreciation dinner, spouses are welcome. Hacienda Casa Blanca restaurant, 700 N. Johnson Avenue, El Cajon.

September 9, Celebration of Viejas' Feast Day. It is the 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Church in Viejas. Next year big blow-out on the 80<sup>th</sup>.

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**Religious Education Teachers in Barona, VIEJAS & Sycuan**

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.

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**Prayer for Beginning of a New School Year**

God of wisdom and might,  
 we praise you for the wonder of our being,  
 for mind, body and spirit.  
 Be with our children as they begin  
 a new school year.  
 Bless them and their teachers and staff.  
 Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;  
 wisdom and knowledge to their minds  
 as they search for understanding;  
 and peace and zeal to their hearts.  
 We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. Children beginning the program in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade or later will receive these sacraments after their second year of preparation.

## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Choose Life. Live Life.

Share Your Life with Others

A reflection on the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
time

Life is about survival. The desire to live in spite of setbacks. Many sick patients recover and continue to live because they desire to live. They love life and live it to the fullest. They never give up on themselves or others. Most of all, they have faith in God.

Our first reading is a story of hardship from the Book of Kings. Elijah, becomes discouraged, tired and depressed. Although he had defeated the prophets of the pagan god, Baal, his victory was short-lived. Queen Jezebel was a follower of Baal and had threatened Elijah's life, so he fled. We find him wandering in the desert, tired, hungry and praying for death. But God has other things in mind for Elijah, who has remained faithful when all others had turned away from God. Rather than allow him to die, God sends an angel to take care of Elijah. Twice Elijah is fed before continuing his long journey to the mountain of God, Horeb (or Sinai), where he will have an intimate encounter with God.

Today's Gospel of John deepens the theme of life and hope. It is no longer an angel who comes speaking words of life and hope. It is the Son of God, the One who came down from Heaven, sent by the Father to draw all people to God.

The food He offers for our journey is not mere bread and water. It is "bread from Heaven", which alone is able to satisfy that deepest of all human hungers, the hunger for life. Jesus is the

one offering us life, offering new meaning and purpose, offering new hope. As food for our journey. He offers His very self.

It is through Jesus that our deepest longings and hopes are fulfilled. We hunger and thirst for so much – for love, for acceptance, for forgiveness, for meaning, in a word, we long for life. Jesus said: "I came that they may have life and have it to the fullest." Jesus is the only one able to offer us real life – eternal life.

Jesus says that He is truly the "bread of life", reminding the people that the manna in the desert provided nourishment only for a day, not for eternity. But the bread of Jesus gives life forever.

If we feed on Christ, if we believe in Him and learn from Him, His life will become part of our life. We are called to allow His love to continue to work through us and His love will go out into the world and touch people's lives, to let the hope Christ offers to shine and allow His peace and forgiveness to be extended to others, to allow His concern for the poor and the weak, the outcast and despised.

Jesus offers to let us participate in His life now. He invites us to be part of Him, for He wants His flesh to give life to the world now, through us. He seeks to help people on their journey towards God, towards fullness of life, to sustain people, to offer new hope, to bring purpose and confidence to a bruised and often battered people. This is the life Jesus offers and He offers it, not just to us, but through us to the world.

The journey we make and the time we set aside to celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday is important for the development of our faith. If we are to imitate God as Paul asks us to do in the second reading then we need to become encouraged and challenged by his words and be fed by the bread of life. This gift is freely given, not because we are the holiest of people but because we are trying to be holy in spite of the troubles and struggles we experience along the way.

Elijah was downcast but a word of encouragement and some food renewed his

vigor for the journey of faith. The word of God and bread of life don't give us a false joy and hope or remove the struggles but we are given strength to cope, to hope and to win through. In the words of the psalmist, we are able to "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

**Je·sus** (jē'zəs)  
The Way.  
The Truth.  
The Life.