

*Weekend of September 16*  
*@ 17, 2017*  
*24th Sunday in Ordinary*  
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Weekend Masses:	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Mel and Buddy Curo Doreen Romero-Ford
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Marie Johann

**Barona:** Classes for Grades K – 8 at Barona will begin on Thursday, September 21. There are classes at 2:30 and 3:30.

**Viejas:** Classes resume Wednesday, Sept. 27, 3:30 Kateri Hall.

**Sycuan:** Classes meet at 11:00 AM Sunday mornings in the church.

**Barona and Sycuan:** We are still in need of teachers for our religious education program, Grades K – 8. It is the responsibility of the parish, with your help, to educate our children in our Catholic faith. Please volunteer to help in this very important ministry. Contact Father Herman for more information.

Mass Schedule
<p><b>Barona:</b>  <b>Daily Rosary and Mass:</b> Wednesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM.  <b>Weekends:</b> Saturday, 5:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM.  <b>Confessions:</b> Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 PM  <b>Adoration:</b> 1st Thurs. of the month (6:00 PM) and 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).  <b>Viejas:</b>  <b>Weekends:</b> Sunday, 10:00 AM.</p> <p><b>Confessions:</b> By appointment.  <b>Sycuan:</b>  <b>Weekends:</b> Sunday, Noon.  <b>Confessions:</b> By appointment</p>

Upcoming Events
<p><b>Anniversary Mass for Elmer (Bud) Mendoza:</b> Saturday, September 23. Mass at 10:00 AM, Barona, followed by blessing of the headstone. Reception follows.  <b>Saturday, September 30:</b> Anniversary and blessing of monument for Leroy Elliot. 8:00 AM Mass, Manzanita.  <b>Family Mass – All Reservations:</b> October 1.</p>

**A PRAYER TO  
OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE**

*Remember, dear Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears which thou didst shed for me on Calvary; be mindful also of the unceasing care which thou dost exercise to shield me from the justice of God; and consider whether thou canst now abandon thy child, for whom thou hast done so much. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at thy feet, in spite of my infidelity and ingratitude. Reject not my prayer, O Virgin of reconciliation, convert me, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus Christ above all things and to console thee too by living a holy life, in order that one day I may be able to see thee in Heaven. Amen.*



Gilbert Rodriguez, Tom Hyde, Elijah Diaz (Bear), Carol Lane, Anita Curo, Sue Kierig, 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, Daniel Vicaldo, Toddy Yeats, Caroline Mendoza, Ruiz Family, Cash Osuna-Sutton, Gabe Dowell, Barbara Rogers, Bob Pilkington, Jan Jacobs, Pat Curo

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



September 19 is the anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady of La Salette. Father Alan was a La Salette priest. Brother Ed has roots in the same garden. Father Ted Brown, MS, Father Richard Landry, MS, and Father Phil Salois, MS, all served at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, and have fond memories of the people here. Please keep them in your prayers.

### ***Native American Day Reflection***



*I give you this, one thought to keep.  
I am with you, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glint on snow,  
I am the sunlight on the ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush . . .  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
I am with you in each new dawn.*

**Native American Day is celebrated September 22.**

#### ***From the Pastor's Desk***

The king in Jesus' parable of this 24th Sunday represents God who wishes to write off our debt of sin completely. But there is a catch or

condition. That is, if we want God's forgiveness, then we must forgive the injuries done to us.

This point was so important in the mind of Jesus that when He taught us to pray He made it explicit: "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" – words we pray over and over in the Mass, but do we really mean them?

Obviously, it's not easy to forgive. It goes against our human nature. In a love letter to end all love letters, a young man wrote: "Dear Marietta... Words cannot express my deep regret at having broken our relationship. Will you please come back to me? Your absence leaves a void which no one else can fill. Please let's start all over again. Signed: Your ever loving and forgiving Johnny."

A postscript (P.S.) follows: "Congratulations! I heard you won 20 million in the lotto."

It's not too difficult to discern the real motive behind the sugar-coated words of "forgiving" Johnny. But it could be the start of reconciliation.

One indispensable attitude towards genuine forgiveness is the power of relinquishment: The ability to let go and say, "I am willing to forgive, therefore, I am willing to let go and forget." The problem is that many of us say we forgive, but we continue to carry the bitterness and resentment inside of us. Thus we hear such remarks as, "I forgive him, but let him watch out. Don't ever let him show his face to me."

Psychologists and social scientists, based on many years of observation, say that harboring grudges and resentments literally helps to make people sick physically. And forgiveness – getting rid of the ill-will – will do more to make them well than pills and medicines.

There is a common objection to the spirit of forgiveness which goes: If you are always forgiving, the culprit will abuse your kindness. In response, to forgive does not mean that we let criminals go free or that we leave society at their mercy. Christian forgiveness lets justice take its course.

The example of Pope John Paul II after the assassination attempt on his life is a clear example. Although the gunman had been forgiven, he was languishing in jail until he finished his prison term.

Moreover, forgiveness does not mean we keep silent when a spouse is unfaithful or a child misbehaves. For the sake of the relationship, we may have to tell the parties concerned that a certain conduct is not right and is hurting us.

Do you find it hard to forgive? Think of a person whom you've hurt or who has hurt you and seeks to be reconciled. One important thing to remember, too: If someone extends a hand of reconciliation, don't turn it down. Sometimes it's harder to accept forgiveness than to ask for it.

Remember the Lord's warning: "If you do not forgive your brother, your Heavenly Father will not forgive you either." (Matthew 6:15).