

Weekend of Nov. 25 @

26, 2017

Feast of Christ the King

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, Carol Lane, Anita Curo, Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Lourdes Adora, Donna Berardi, Secora Nelson, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Gabe Dowell, Diana Pico, Clayton Curo, Bobby Malibago, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – Nov. 26, 2017

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM Darrell and Roni Romero

Doreen Romero-Ford

Sunday, 10:00 AM Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon Community of Sycuan

Barona: Classes for Grades K – 8 at Barona meet on Thursdays, at 2:30 and 3:30.

Viejas: Classes meet on Wednesdays, 3:30, Kateri

Prayer to Christ the King

Lord God, we bless You, and are filled with gratitude for the numerous gifts, the countless blessings, that come to us from You.

Your blessings come in times of joy, in times of victory, in success and honor, and they come as well in times of pain and sorrow, in sickness and defeat.

Your blessings, however, come always as *life*.

We take pleasure in the fruit of Your creation, in the earthen blessings of fish and bird, tree and flower, each the harvest of Your divine heart.

We take delight in our eyes, in our ears, arms and legs. We find joy in holidays and vacations, and in our work as well. We thank You, Lord of Gifts, for friendships, family and fun.

We thank You for all the gifts that flow, day and night, into our lives.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God and King, who in the richness of Your divine love, blesses us with good things. Amen.

Upcoming Events

What You Don't Know About the Prayers You

Pray: Sessions meet in Ed Nolan's office on Mondays at 6:30 PM (Nov. 13 and 27, Dec. 4, 11, and 18). **Sunday, December 3:** Family Mass, all reservations.

Friday, December 8, Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception and Feast of the Sycuan Reservation:

8:00 AM Barona

6:30 PM Sycuan Come celebrate their Feast Day

December 10, 11, and 12 (Sunday, Monday,

Tuesday) – Parish Retreat: Please reserve these dates for a special Advent experience in preparation for Christmas.



Sunday Mass Schedule, Weekend of Dec. 23/24

Saturday, December 23:

4:00 PM Sycuan

6:00 PM Viejas

Sunday, December 24:

8:00 AM Barona

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule, Sunday Dec 24:

4:00 PM Sycuan

Christmas Day Mass:

9:00 AM Barona

New Years Eve 5:00PM Barona

New Years Day 9:00AM Barona



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat!

Christ conquers! Christ rules! Christ reigns!

The celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King simply intensifies our hopes of Christ's coming in glory. Our readings for this Sunday are worth pondering because these talk about some themes of the end-time.

The first theme that the readings give is one of an assembly or a gathering. In the gospel, we have heard that the end-time is marked by an assembly of all the nations. On human terms, a gathering or an assembly is something that we would look forward to. It is an event that we exert efforts for preparation, and at the same time, an event in which we put our hopes and expectations. We have nothing to hope but a success of the gathering. Similarly, the gathering in the end-time is something we look forward to because this must be the fulfillment of what Jesus once preached, that is, the Kingdom of God. The "gathering of the nations" would be a spectacular event, for sure. What makes it more amazing is the fact that all will be in communion with Christ.

The second theme is one of judgment. The first reading and the gospel both talk about the separation "of rams and goats," "of sheep and goats." Here, there can be a different feeling. On the first theme (i.e., assembly) there is a kind of excitement, expectation, and joy. But here, on the second theme, there could be an element of fear and anxiety because of the separation, because of

some cases, the Day of Judgment is something that people cannot easily handle. There is never an excitement. What they could have instead are worries, and fear. In a word, it is something negative. We could have the same feelings on the coming of this Day of Judgment. However, we are given an idea by the Lord that the key to dispelling these worries and anxieties is service. Service is defined or understood as love-in-action. If we have loved and served others then there is nothing to worry about. There is only one enemy or hindrance to service. That is, selfishness. A person who is selfish can never serve or love others because his world is also confined with his own world. But a person who starts "going out" of himself is a person who is capable to serve and to love.

Third, it is important to reflect on who is this God who will stand before us on the judgment day. Christ is not a mere judge. Christ, according to the second reading, will stand as King and Lord. In fact, everything will be subjected to him. Acknowledging him as Lord would mean allowing him to rule over our life. Indeed, he is the master of our life.

Today's solemnity is a good reminder for us to correct our relationship with God. Christ is King and Lord and he should always remain as such. However, in real life, there are instances wherein we allow other people, other things, or even our own selves to rule over us. We allow others, other things, and our own selves to be masters of our life. In these cases, Christ has been totally out of the picture. Again, if we believe that Christ is the King, then, let us allow him to rule over our life. We surrender our life to Him.

