

*Weekend of August 26
& 27, 2017*

*21st Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

Mass Intentions – August 27, 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

Lectors Needed: Please sign up to be a lector. It is an important ministry within the Mass.

Mass Schedule
<p>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.</p> <p>Confessions: By appointment. Sycuan: Weekends: Sunday, Noon. Confessions: By appointment</p>



Barona: We are in desperate 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.



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



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, Evelyn McCormick, Daniel Vicaldo, Toddy Yeats, Caroline Mendoza, Ruiz Family, Cash Osuna-Sutton, Gabe Dowell, Barbara Rogers, Bob Pilkington, Jan Jacobs

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Prayer of Blessing for Students and Teachers

Lord our God,
 in your wisdom and love
 you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.
 In times long past you sent us your prophets
 to teach your laws
 and to bear witness to your undying love.
 You sent us your Son

to teach us by word and example
that true wisdom comes from you alone.

Send your Spirit upon our students and their teachers
and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.
Grant that during this academic year
they may devote themselves to their studies
and share what they have learned from others.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

--Book of Blessings

Upcoming Events

Anniversary Mass for Evelyn Lloyd: Saturday, Sept. 2. Mass at 10:00 AM, Barona, followed by blessing of the headstone. Reception follows.

Sunday, September 10: Feast Day of the Viejas Mission, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 10:00 AM Mass, followed by potluck in the hall.

Anniversary Mass for Elmer (Bud) Mendoza: Saturday, September 23. Mass at 10:00 AM, Barona, followed by blessing of the headstone. Reception follows.

Family Mass – All Reservations: October 1.

From the Pastor's Desk

I want to write something that at first may sound very secular. I need to explain a term that is common in parts of the business world, i.e., the pharmaceutical world. Well in my practice as a pharmacist before working in a drugstore, I used to be challenged by patients/customers about the real score between brand and generic names.

Brand – a brand is more than the trademark of a product. A brand contains within it a sense of what the product means to the consumer. Let us take a common example: If I say Bayer's Aspirin, Tylenol and Advil, which are as we know medicines for headache and any kind of pain, some specific thoughts pop into your mind (like expensive, high quality, well made and even fast acting)....if I say acetylsalicylic acid (Aspirin), Acetaminophen (Tylenol) and Ibuprofen (Advil),

a totally different and opposite set of things come to mind.

Jesus asks in the gospel today: "Who do you say I am?"

Jesus asks and Peter answers.....where does Peter get the idea that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, the Messiah.....well, he gets it from being with Jesus and coming to understand that all the things Jesus does – healing, helping, forgiving, loving, teaching, living out life in a certain, specific way – all these aspects of Jesus come together and define Him. Jesus is the Messiah.

In the world of business today.....specifically in the marketing departments.....we would say that Jesus has a specific brand image. Think about it.....when I say "Jesus" it triggers within each person here a whole series of thoughts that contain within them the essence of how to live out the Christian life.

OK – then what does it mean when, in response to being asked who we are, what faith we follow, we say "we are followers of Jesus....we are Christian.....we are Catholic"?

In all honesty, if it is an authentic description of "who someone could say I am", what it has to mean is that my life reflects the same things that the life of Jesus did.....it means I am kind, loving, forgiving, patient, that I care for the poor, that I fight for the marginalized....all the things that define being a follower of Jesus, I am.

If no one knew whether or not we belonged to this Church, would we still be taken to be a Christian? Would we be seen as showing the same characteristics as Jesus?

Think back to the early church. The thing that attracted new members to the faith was the living example of how the Christians related to one another and the world itself – "see how they love one another" was the behavior of a Christian. Seeing that modeled was what brought people to join.

Our reflection for this day...think back through your last couple of days.....if a stranger were to have followed you around all day long, each day, would that person have been able to respond to a question from someone asking

“who you are” by saying “he (or she) is a
disciple of Jesus Christ”by our actions in life,
would we be taken to be a Christian?

