

Weekend of July 14 & 15, 2018
Fifteenth 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 – July 15, 2018

Weekend Masses:	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Mel and Buddy 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

God will provide for you on your journey. Trust that you will receive the grace to carry out the mission.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be no daily masses July 16 – August 8th due to Fr. Herman attending the Tekakwitha Conference and enjoying a well deserved vacation. Fr. Joe Miller, SVD will be doing mass on Saturday and Sunday during this time. In case of emergency, please contact Fr. Ron Buchmiller (619-504-2381).

Join Auxiliary bishop John Dolan at the “Mass and Reception for Mental Health” on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Rancho Penasquitos, 13541 Stoney Creek Road, San Diego, CA 92129. After Mass there will be an hors d’oeuvres reception, with exhibitors and special presentations. Simultaneous translation into Spanish will be provided at Mass and at the Reception. There is no charge but registration is required. **Register yourself or your group at SocialMinistrySanDiego.com by July 18.** For more information contact Maria Valencia at: mvalencia@sdccatholic.org or 858-490-8323.

Religious Education Teachers in Barona

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 in Honor Of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

God of our ancestors, we thank you for all creation and its beauty, especially for the Native People of this great land. Our homes and reservations have been places of refuge and welcome, solace and prayer, hope and joy. Your people have celebrated the joy and sadness of life, by giving each other strength and comfort, and most of all by holding their faith in You above all else. We ask our beloved Kateri Tekakwitha

to intercede on our behalf,
for the blessings and riches
only God can bestow upon His people.
We ask Almighty God
to inflame us with His love,
to transform our hearts and minds,
and to help us heal all wounds.
Saint Kateri, watch over us.
Christ Our Saviour, redeem us.
Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Surrendering of St. Kateri Tekakwitha to Jesus
A life of Sacrifice
A reflection on the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A reoccurring theme in the message of Jesus is that of surrendering all to God. Three examples are: "I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me." (John 6:38), "He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39) and the third is probably most familiar to us in that when Jesus taught the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Thy will be done." In the Gospel this weekend Jesus instructs the disciples that one must leave your possessions behind. In a sense he is saying not to think about possessions, think about serving the Lord. This reflects the first of the great commandments that Jesus gives us, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and all your mind." Mt. 22: 36-40. Jesus is not seeking half-hearted followers, but only those who have the desire to wholeheartedly embrace him.

Jesus tells his disciples this as he gives them instructions before sending them out to minister. He is not only giving them the mission of preaching repentance and casting out demons, he is also giving them a very basic lesson on the cost of discipleship. To be a Disciple of Jesus costs all that we have. There is not room for the dollar store disciple, or a disciple with coupons that will allow him to save something. To be a disciple of Jesus one must be willing to surrender all to the Lord. He is very particular about this, "take nothing for the journey but a walking stick, no food, no sack, no money in your belts." (Mk 6:8) This giving up of our heart, our will and our mind is to be done freely, for God cannot force us to surrender. He instructs, encourages and invites, but there is always the freedom to hold back.

To surrender one's life to Jesus requires a lot of sacrifice. But we have a model and an inspiration to follow: our patron saint, St. Kateri Tekakwitha. St. Kateri is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawks and who took a Mohawk chief for her husband. She contracted smallpox as a four-year-old child which scarred her skin. The scars were a source of humiliation in her youth. She was commonly seen wearing a blanket to hide her face. Worse, her entire family died during the outbreak. Kateri Tekakwitha was subsequently raised by her uncle, who was the chief of a Mohawk clan.

Kateri was known as a skilled worker, who was diligent and patient. However, she refused to marry. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor to her, she refused to entertain the proposal. They punished her by giving her more work to do, but she did not give in. Instead, she remained quiet and diligent. Eventually they were forced to relent and accept that she had no interest in marriage.

At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Yes, she completely surrendered her all to Jesus. Her decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents and their neighbors. Some of her neighbors started rumors of sorcery. To avoid persecution, she traveled to a Christian native community south of Montreal.

According to legend, Kateri was very devout and would put thorns on her sleeping mat. She often prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. According to the Jesuit missionaries that served the community where Kateri lived, she often fasted and when she would eat, she would taint her food to diminish its flavor. On at least one occasion, she burned herself. Such self-mortification was common among the Mohawk.

Kateri was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. She was also very sickly. Her practices of self-mortification and denial may not have helped her health. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17,

1680. Her name, Kateri, is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from St. Catherine of Siena. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans.
Happy Feast Day!!!

