

Weekend of August 17 & 18, 2019
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Barona:

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, 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, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Mary Whitespear, Steve and Vera Tucker, Helen Cadiente, Berniece Marrujo, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Stephen Nolan, Agnes Ruiz, Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Debbie Gonzalez, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Judy Robinson

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – August 18, 2019

Weekend masses:

Sunday, 8:00 Barona – Mel and Buddy Curo

Sunday, 10:00 Viejas – Community of Viejas

Sunday, 12:00 Sycuan – Community of Sycuan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Barona – Class will begin on **Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019** at 2:45 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Viejas – Class will begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019** at 3:30 p.m.

Sycuan – Class will begin week of Sept. 16th – time and place to be determined.

If you have any questions, please contact Brother Ed Nolan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 24, 2019 – Viejas Bird Singers and Dancers Gathering, Viejas reservation. 10:00 AM Registration, 11:30 AM Blessing and welcome. For general information contact parkless77@gmail.com

Saturday, September 7, 2019 -- 80th Anniversary of the Viejas Mission Church. All are Invited to Celebrate this great event. 6:30 PM mass.

Jesus wants to set our faith on fire, so we can share His love with zeal.

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 800-553-3321

Recommended Catholic School

If you are thinking about sending your child to a Catholic school, we would recommend Holy Trinity Catholic school. Fr. Rey from Pala, is the new pastor and has a greater understanding of Native American youth. The number of the school is 619-444-7529.

Their website is holyltrinityschoolcajon.com for more information.



Religious Education Teachers Needed 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.



82nd Annual Deep Pit BBQ
Labor Day weekend Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019
11 AM to 5 PM

Our Lady of Light Parish

9136 Riverside Dr., Descanso 91916

Free Admission –Parking-Shuttle

Grand Prize Drawing \$1,000!

Raffles-Booths-Soda-Beer-Live western band

Dancing-Raffles & our Famous Deep Pit BBQ Feast

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Holy War of Jesus

**A reflection of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary
time**

The new millennium has witnessed and continues to witness much violence. Hardly any day passes that we do not hear the sad news of violent aggression and brutality unleashed against innocent people somewhere around the world. To make matters worse, perpetrators of these acts of violence often try to justify these atrocities by claiming that they are fighting a holy war in God's name. Think of the crusades, the Taliban in Afghanistan, Al Qaeda in Iraq, and the Lord's Resistance Army in Uganda. Today's readings are indeed a call to war: not a war against other people but a war against sin and corruption; not a war against people we perceive as evil, but a war against the evil one, the devil. Let us listen to these words of Jesus:

Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law. (Luke 12:51-53)

Scholars tell us that Jesus is speaking here not about the *purpose* of his coming but about the inevitable *consequence* of his coming. Jesus came to reveal the true sons and daughters of God who listen to God's word, and the children of this world who oppose God design. This divides all humankind into two camps, the camp of the godly and the camp of the ungodly. There is perpetual conflict, a state of war, between these two groups as one group strives to raise the world up to God and the other to pull it down to hell. These two groups do not live in two different parts of the world, they live side by side in the same neighborhood, they live together under the

same roof, and in fact the forces of good and evil often exist together in the same person.

The holy war to which Christ calls us, therefore, is not a war against people of certain nationalities or cultures, creeds or ideologies, but a war in which we first have to identify the forces for evil in our own persons and in the persons of those who are dear to us (father, son, mother, daughter, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law) and then declare an uncompromising war against these forces.

What are some of these evil forces that we are asked to war against? Well, why don't we start with the Seven Deadly Sins: Pride (superiority complex), Covetousness (greed, seeking material prosperity at the expense of one's soul), Lust (sexual abuse of minors, pornography, treating women as objects of pleasure), Anger (bitterness, hate, bearing grudges), Gluttony (excessive eating and drinking), Envy (self-hate, rivalry), Sloth (seeking success without working for it). To these we can add the mother of all evils, injustice. If we declare war against these then we are fighting a holy war.

If we are at war, then we should be prepared for some roughness. The enemy is also fighting against us and we may have to suffer some harm or hardship. Jeremiah in the first reading was fighting a holy war against the false prophets who prophesied only what the king and his officials wanted to hear. But Jeremiah stuck to the truth. And where did he end up? In a well of mud. But God sent a foreigner, an Ethiopian to come and save him. God never abandons His people. Jesus, our leader in God's holy war did not escape the suffering and death on the cross. But on the third day God raised him to life victorious. God never abandons his people. He will not abandon us if we fight His holy war — the war against evil in ourselves and in the world.

With this thought that God never abandons his own, the author of Hebrews encourages us in the second reading to not grow weary or lose heart. We shall close with his words of advice:

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. (Hebrews 12:3-4)



"FOR I AM WITH YOU
TO RESCUE
AND SAVE YOU,"
DECLARES THE LORD.

JEREMIAH 15:20, NIV