

Weekend of February 24 & 25, 2018 Second Sunday of Lent

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, Bobbie Turner, Mary Whitespear

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – February 25, 2018

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

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

Your gift will provide funds for Catholic Schools and Tuition Assistance, Formation in the Faith, Catholic Charities, Prison Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Seminarian Support and Retired Priests.

Brochures for the ACA will be in the pew and on the table located in the back of the church.

Parish ACA assessment \$3000.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Barona: Classes for Grades K – 8 at Barona meet on Thursdays, at 2:45 and 4:00. High School meets on Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Sycuan: Class meets before Sunday Mass

The Seven Last Words of Jesus

Come discover, the Bible's last significant words of Jesus before he was crucified.

You will be amazed at how much we can learn and how important to our faith his seven last words were. Come and experience for yourself, the remarkable death and resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus' last words prepare us for the great and joyous season of Easter. Beginning on Thursdays, March 1 – March 22 four weeks at 4:00 p.m. Ed's office



Barona: Fridays, 6:00 PM starting Feb. 23rd

Viejas: Wednesday, 5:00 PM starting Feb. 21st

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1 – March 22 The Seven Last Words of Jesus, 4:00 pm, Ed's office

Children's Mass – Sunday, March 4

Sunday, March 11 – Tuesday, March 13 – Parish Lenten Retreat, Club House 6:30 PM

“Our life's journey: a Gift from crib to cross Guided by His Resurrected Spirit.”

The focus of this scriptural based retreat is an inter-active prayer-filled experience including presentations/guided reflections with use of religious art and symbols.

Fr. Joe Miller, SVD and Esther Delao are looking forward to sharing this Lenten experience with you!

Tuesday, March 13 -6:30 PM Session followed by Confessions

Confirmation Retreat: Saturday March 17, 9-5 Our Lady of Sacred Heart Parish: 4177 Marlborough Street

First Communion: Saturday, April 21, 5:00PM

Grave Blessing, Viejas: Saturday, April 28, 10:00 mass followed by grave blessing

Confirmation: Tuesday, May 1, 7:00PM @ Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

May Crowning: Viejas, Sunday, May 6
Barona, Sunday, May 20

We are encouraged to listen to Jesus, the Beloved Son of God. Take time to listen in prayer. Listen to what Jesus is saying to you.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In today's gospel we hear the beautiful story of the Transfiguration as told to us by Mark. Once again we see how Jesus appears to take his favorites, Peter, James and John, apart from the other disciples to teach them separately. It appears on the surface that its purpose is for God to tell them that Jesus is 'my beloved Son'. Although that message seems to come through loud and clear I think there is more to it than that.

In the previous chapter in Mark's gospel, Jesus asks his disciples "who do people say that I am?" It tells us they replied "John the Baptist, Elijah or one of the prophets". But when he asks them "who do YOU say that I am?" only Peter replies "You are the Messiah". Peter seems to have it right, but does anyone else get it. Next Jesus tells them that "the Son of Man will be killed", and Peter takes Jesus off to the side and rebukes him regarding the statement about His death, and Jesus scolds Peter by calling him Satan and tells him to get behind him.

It sounds to me like none of his disciples are understanding both 'who He really is' or 'what is going to happen to him', possibly Jesus is even getting tired of trying to explain this to them because they don't seem to be listening to Him. So Jesus decides to take the three of them apart from the others on this high mountain. To me the 'high mountain' symbolizes the place where God is, therefore God is going to show them that Jesus isn't Elijah or Moses as some might say, but God by showing them the transfigured Jesus and talking to them, lets them know who Jesus really is 'This is my beloved Son, listen to Him'. As a matter of fact, it is almost like God is yelling it to them.

It reminds me of the commercial by one of the cell phone companies where the man is asking "Can you

hear me now?". God is yelling at them "CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW. You were thinking so much as humans do, that you weren't taking the time to really listen to me or my Son, CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?" "This is my BELOVED SON, LISTEN to Him". Can you picture God yelling at them?

I think there are many times in our lives when we are like those disciples, and God is trying to talk to us but we aren't listening to Him. He even tries to yell at us, through all kinds of means, but just isn't getting through. How busy our lives can get, we say many times that there just isn't enough time for us to do everything we want to do, or it appears, to listen to everything we need to hear. How often do you see someone walking around listening to some kind of new-fangled music device or even listening to someone on a cell phone. You can't ever seem to get away from cell phones, in cars, hospitals, offices, and even churches, people have to be talking on a cell phone instead of paying attention to what they should be doing. God is probably yelling at us from the top of His lungs, but we just can't hear Him because we are so plugged in with everything else that we can't hear Him.

How often do we really take time out of our day or even week to listen to what God is telling us? Maybe since we are only in the second week of lent, we could think about slowing down just a little bit during this lent, to take the time to not only listen to God but think about what he telling us to do with our lives and act on it.

As just one example: How many women do you think today, who find themselves facing an unexpected and unwanted pregnancy, think to listen to what God might be telling them to do. I believe that if they would 'listen to Him' and act in accord with His suggestion, we could erase the word 'abortion' from the English language.

I believe that God is trying very hard to talk to each and every one of us every day, we just need to take the time away from everything else to listen to him.

Can you hear Him now?



And a voice
came out of the cloud,

saying,
"This is my Son,
my Chosen One:
listen to him!"

Luke 9:35, ESV