

*Weekend of Nov. 4 @  
5, 2017*

*31st Sunday in Ordinary  
Time*

**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, 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, Daniel Vicaldo, Toddy Yeats, Caroline Mendoza, Ruiz Family, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Gabe Dowell, Barbara Rogers, Bob Pilkington, Jan Jacobs, Sister Romero, Clayton Curo, Diana Pico, Msgr. Kirk,

**Please check prayer list and add names as desired.**

**Mass Intentions – Nov. 5, 2017**

Weekend Masses:  
 Sunday, 8:00 AM John and Dora Curo  
 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 Hall.

**Sycuan:** Classes meet at 11:00 AM Sunday mornings in the church.

**Upcoming Events**

**Saturday, November 11:** Anniversary Mass for Mabel Marie Velasquez, 10:00 AM, at Viejas. Everyone is invited to attend. Reception after Mass.

**What You Don't Know About the Prayers You Pray:** You would be amazed to know the meaning behind the common prayers that we pray, such as Our Father, Hail Mary, Nicene Creed, and Gloria. We will take a look at the Biblical, historical, and cultural meaning to each of these prayers. If you have a favorite prayer, let Ed know so that it can be discussed in these sessions. Sessions will meet in Ed Nolan's office on Mondays at 6:30 PM (Nov. 13 and 27, Dec. 4, 11, and 18). **Please note: we will not meet on Nov. 20.**

**Prayer for Deceased Veterans**

O God,  
 by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest,  
 look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country.  
 Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son,  
 they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

--United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



### **MARRIAGE:**

**Requirements:** Please contact the priest at least nine months prior to the wedding date. If you were baptized in another parish, a baptismal certificate is required. You are required to take the Pre-Cana, Evenings for the Engaged, or a weekend Engaged Encounter.

**Additional Information:** Any previous marriages must be considered and canonically processed by the Church. This process has been considerably streamlined by the Church. It would be important that you see either Father Herman or Ed Nolan in order to fill out the proper forms.

### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Once a bishop was giving a talk about world hunger. "Millions of people in the world are starving. They eat barely once a day." But he was speaking at a dinner overflowing with food and wine!

Then there was a couple who was preparing to go to Mass. The phone rang and the husband, a lay minister in church, picked it up. Apparently it was a wrong number. "Don't bother me with your wrong numbers," he growled. "We're in a hurry to go to church!"

In this 31st Sunday gospel, Jesus denounced the religious leaders of His time, saying: "The scribes and Pharisees sit in the chair of Moses but do not follow their example. For they preach but do not practice" (what they say) (Mt 23:3). Jesus' words may well apply to the bishop and the lay minister in the above stories, which shows a yawning gap between words and deeds.

Jesus went further and said, "All their works are performed to be seen. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor, and titles like 'Rabbi.'"

"That should not be the case with you," Jesus said. "The greatest among you must be your servant." (Mt 23:11). Greatness is not concerned with such, the Lord pointed out, but in the capacity to serve.

There is a story about the lovable, good old Pope John XXIII. On his way home to the Vatican, he made a surprise visit to a convent where nuns of the Holy Spirit congregation (**Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters**, or simply Holy Spirit Sisters (SSpS which in Latin: is *Servae Spiritus Sancti*) resided. By the way, the congregation of the Holy Spirit Sisters, otherwise known as the Blue Sisters is one of the two women congregations of our Divine Word Missionaries founded by St. Arnold Janssen.

The whole community led by their superior came out to meet their VIP guest. "And who're you?" the amiable pope asked the portly sister who was the first to greet him. The sister visibly nervous, blurted out, "Your Holiness, I am the Mother Superior of the Holy Spirit!"

"Mother Superior of the Holy Spirit!" said the pope. "Lucky for you, sister, because I am just the Servant of the Servants of God."

Obviously, there is nothing wrong about titles and positions. What makes them wrong is the attitude that authority is appropriated purely for personal glory and interest without regard for humble service to people. What is condemned is not authority but authoritarianism. The gospel message is a clear warning to priests and bishops.

However, it applies also to men and women of authority. For instance, government leaders who preach austerity or impose new taxes should show good example by not junketing abroad or undertaking ill-timed projects. By the way, Catholics are criticized by Bible Christians for calling the pope "Holy Father" and priests "Fathers." They say this is against the teaching of Christ, citing this Sunday's gospel. "You must not be called 'Teacher' ... And do not call anyone on earth your 'Father.'"

In reply, such an interpretation leads to absurdities. Taken literally, the words would forbid us to call our natural fathers "Father."

What Christ stresses is that our concern should not be after titles of honor and worldly dignity, things which the scribes and Pharisees' were craving for.

