

Weekend of Jan. 14 & 15,  
2017  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

February 5, 2017: Family Mass  
March 5, 2017: Family Mass



Mass Schedule
<b>Barona:</b> <b>Daily Rosary and Mass:</b> Wednesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM. <b>Weekends:</b> Saturday, 5:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM. <b>Confessions:</b> Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 PM <b>Adoration:</b> 1st Thurs. of the month (6:00 PM) and 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM). <b>Viejas:</b> <b>Weekends:</b> Sunday, 10:00 AM. <b>Confessions:</b> By appointment. <b>Sycuan:</b> <b>Weekends:</b> Sunday, Noon. <b>Confessions:</b> By appointment

**Sessions on Prayer:** This course will be on the many types of prayer, such as scriptural, meditation, contemplation, centering, and formal. Mindfulness, a style of meditation that has been sweeping the nation, has one of its origins in Catholic spirituality. Come see which style of prayer best suits you. There will be 6 sessions, beginning on Wednesday, February 15. We will not meet on Ash Wednesday. The last session will be on March 29. Place: Ed Nolan's office, 6:30 PM.



Gilbert Rodriguez, Tom Hyde, Elijah Diaz (Bear), Carol Lane, Martha Redman, Anita Curo, Dixie Necochea, Casey Olaya, Nicole Aceves, Anita Curo, Bob & Colleen Crowden, Mark Price, Donna Berardi, Diego Suarez, Osvaldo Sanchez, Barbara Huston O'Donnell, Boxie Phoenix, Father Ron Hebert, John Kostos, A. J. Samot, Angela Samot, Lourdes Adoron

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

**For Sunday, Jan. 22, we will be clearing all the names off this list. If you would like to keep someone on this list, please re-enter their name on the sheet in the church.**

**Religious Education Classes**

**Barona:**

Classes for Grades K – 8 meet on Thursdays at 2:30 and 3:30 PM.

Classes for High School and Confirmation meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

**Viejas:** Classes meet on Wednesdays, at 3:30PM, Kateri Hall

Mass Intentions – January 15	
<b>Weekend Masses:</b>	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Mel and Buddy Curo
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

**Invocation for Peace**

God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness. . . . Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that . . . our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

---Pope Francis

**Upcoming Events**

**2017 Calendars:** Calendars for next year are in the back of the church. Please take one.

Annual Catholic Appeal: Coming soon

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

**Requirement:** Please contact Father Herman for anointing.

**Additional Information:** The Sacrament of the Sick is intended for all those who are ill, who are suffering from a chronic condition, who will be hospitalized, or who need prayers for any physical, spiritual, or emotional healing. This sacrament can be received many times.

### **YOUTH CONFIRMATION:**

**Requirements:** For those baptized in another parish, a baptismal certificate is required. Youth must be enrolled in parish youth confirmation program for two years. Service hours and attendance at the Confirmation retreat or at special workshops are required. Youth must sign a commitment pledge. Sponsors must attend certain sessions and the rehearsal.

**Additional Information:** Youth are confirmed between their sophomore and senior years. Parents should contact Edward Nolan or Natalie Kostos. Only one sponsor, of the same gender as the youth, is required.

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

With the feast of the Baptism of the Lord we have entered into the liturgical time that we call "ordinary." On this second Sunday, the Gospel presents to us the scene of the meeting between Jesus and John the Baptist at the Jordan River. The narrator is the eye witness, John the Evangelist, who, before he was a disciple of Jesus was a disciple of the Baptist, together with his brother James, with Simon and Andrew, all are from Galilee, all are fisherman. So, John the Baptist sees Jesus, who steps forward from the crowd and, inspired from above, sees in Jesus the one sent by God. For this reason he points him out with these words: "Behold the lamb of God, he who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29).

The word that is translated with "take away" literally means "to relieve," "to take upon oneself." Jesus has come into the world with a precise mission: to free it from the slavery of sin, taking humanity's faults upon himself. In what way? By loving. There is no other way to defeat

evil and sin than with the love that moves one to give the gift of his life for others. In the testimony of John the Baptist, Jesus is given the traits of the Servant of the Lord, who "has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows" (Isaiah 53:4), to the point of dying on the cross. He is the true Passover lamb, who immerses himself in the river of our sin, to purify us.

The Baptist sees before him a man who gets in line with sinners to be baptized even though he does not need to. He is the man who God sent into the world as the sacrificial lamb. The word "lamb" appears several times in the New Testament and always in reference to Jesus. This image of the lamb might surprise us: an animal that is certainly not characterized by its strength and hardiness takes upon himself such an oppressive weight. The enormous mass of evil is removed and taken away by a weak and fragile creature, who is a symbol of obedience, docility and defenseless love, who goes to the point of sacrificing himself. The lamb is not an oppressor but is docile; he is not aggressive but peaceful; he does not show his claws or teeth in the face of an attack, but endures it and is submissive. And this is how Jesus is! This is how Jesus is! He is like a lamb.

What does it mean for the Church, for us, today to be disciples of Jesus the Lamb of God? It means putting innocence in the place of malice, love in the place of force, humility in the place of pride, service in the place of prestige. It is good work! We Christians must do this: put innocence in the place of malice, love in the place of force, humility in the place of pride, service in the place of prestige. Being disciples of the Lamb means that we must not live like a "city under siege," but like a city on a hill, open, welcoming, solidary. It means not having an attitude of closeness, but proposing the Gospel to everyone, testifying with our life that following Jesus makes us more free and more joyful. — Pope Francis *Angelus Address* January 19, 2014



