

Weekend of September 1 & 2, 2018
 Twenty-second 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, 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, Mae Guerrero

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – September 2, 2018	
Weekend Masses:	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	John and Dora Curo
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Barona : Classes will begin Thursday, Sept. 20
 At 2:45 and 4:00 PM.

Viejas: Classes will begin Wednesday, Sept. 19 at
 3:30 PM.

Sycuan: Grades K-8, Class meets before Sunday
 Mass

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 You are called to be a person of integrity. Live in a way that shows that God is your center.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 9 – 10:00 AM, Celebration of Viejas’ Feast Day. It is the 79th anniversary of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Church in Viejas.

Sunday, September 23 – Children’s Mass – Mark Price will be preaching.

Sunday, October 14 – Children’s Mass

Sunday, November 4 – Children’s Mass

Save the date!

Brother Ed Nolan 50th Anniversary in Ministry Mass and Dinner celebration

When: Saturday, October 20, 2018

Where: Barona Clubhouse

Time: 5:00 PM Mass, Dinner to follow

Please rsvp to Fr. Herman Manuel, SVD or Sandy (619-249-3143) and indicate number of attendees.

Thank you.



Brother Ed Nolan will be on vacation for the month of September.

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Prayer for Labor Day

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name.

We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere.

May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity.

May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Actions Speak Louder than Words

A reflection on the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The building of the beliefs and values of our young people is critical to their future and the future of society. Adults ultimately influence children by their actions more than their words. It has been said, "What you do shouts so loudly that I cannot hear what you are saying!"

As we review the some of the headlines over the past couple of years, it appears that what we are doing is sending a message which is in conflict with the basic values taught by Jesus. Some business leaders have been dishonest and deceitful in their dealings with their employees and investors. Some government leaders, at all levels of government, have abused their power to be self-serving rather than serve the people who elected them. Some church leaders have abused the trust of their people by their actions and by their lack of responsible leadership.

"Actions do speak louder than words." I remember a conversation I had one evening when I was still in Oakland with a young man in his mid-twenties at a homeless

shelter. He told me he was never going to set foot in a church again. I asked him, "Why?" He told me about an experience he had as he hitch hiked across the country. One Sunday morning he felt a need to attend church. He was in a small town and entered the local church; he did not tell me the denomination of the church. The young man sat in the back of the church before the service began. The pastor spotted him and came over and asked him what he wanted. The young man told him he wanted to attend the service. The pastor told him, "Get out, we don't want your type in here."

I wondered what part of scripture the pastor preached on that morning. This pastor, like many others, preaches love, tolerance, compassion while inside believing just the opposite. The message in the gospel today speaks strongly to this point. Jesus challenges the Pharisees and scribes of his day about the time and effort spent on their external practices while ignoring their internal attitudes and actions. They were only concerned about themselves and how they looked in public. The expectations they set on others were impossible to achieve, especially for the poor and marginalized. They lacked the resources so they became excluded and judged unfit. "Get out; we don't want your type in here."

Jesus was very direct by telling them know that they were letting outside practices substitute for truth and God's commandments. They were allowing these concerns and practices to distract them from the real issues. Their practices had taken on a life of their own and God and others got lost. It was not that what they were doing was wrong but rather that it had degenerated into religious formalism which excludes others. It is an easy trap for any of us to fall into. The Pharisees and scribes did not live just two thousand years ago. They still live among us today.

In the second reading from the letter of James, we are told "Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves." Then James tells us what true religion is about, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world." "Actions do speak louder than words" We are called to be consistent both in our internal and external life otherwise we are like the people Isaiah spoke of, "This people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me..."

Joseph Cardinal Bernardine wrote an article about how a few young priests on retreat with him, challenged him about his prayer life. It was then that he realized that he was calling people to a level of holiness that he himself had not reached. He was allowing work and other distractions to take priority over his relationship with God. The Cardinal said, "That day I let go of Joe Bernardine and grabbed onto the Lord." From that day on he spent the first hour of everyday in prayer. I think we all witnessed in his life a man who was consistent both in his external and internal practices.

It is only in and through an intimate relationship with God that we can grow to be a person whose actions on the job, or in political office, or within the church, or wherever we are called, reflect the heart and mind of Jesus. That is what wholeness and holiness are all about!



Today's Prayer for His will