

Weekend of July 22 @

23, 2017

15th 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, Bob & 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, Evelyn McCormick, Daniel Vicaldo, Toddy Yeats, Caroline Mendoza, Ruiz Family, Cash Osuna-Sutton

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – July 23, 2017

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM Darrell & Roni Romero
Doreen Romero-Ford

Sunday, 10:00 AM Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon Community of Sycuan

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC (RCIA)
CLASSES BEGIN IN AUGUST**

This program is for adults who have not been baptized in any faith, or who were baptized in another Christian religion, and for those adult Catholics who have only been baptized.

Requirements: Baptized Catholics must bring a baptismal certificate.

Additional Information: Adults will make the sacraments needed in order to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Those over age 18 should contact Ed Nolan, to begin preparations for these sessions.

Lectors Needed: Please sign up to be a lector. It is an important ministry within the Mass.

Dear Friends,

Congratulations as you celebrate the 35th anniversary of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha National Indian Mission Parish. It is an honor for me to have served the Mission as Pastor along with other LaSalette Missionaries and Diocesan Clergy of the past.

Under the guidance of Father Herman and your recently newly named Bishop, Robert McElroy, may you continue to grow spiritually in your service to each other, the Church and the World. Fr. Richard Landry, MS

A Prayer for Unity

God of all, you challenge us to be a unified national community.

You call us to move beyond partisan politics so that we may create a vision of the common good so sorely needed for our country.

In this time of confusion, you call us to see clearly with the lens of justice for all.

In this time of disrespect for so many, you call on us to practice respect for all voices around the table, and for all voices not heard in the discussions.

In this time of personal insecurity, you call on us to be grounded in compassion for others and secure in the knowledge we are called to community.

In this time of despair for so many, you call us to practice hope.

God of all, bless our nation at this time and open the way to unity so we may follow your call.

Amen. *Jane Deren, Education for Justice*



INFANT BAPTISM:

We are happy that you have chosen to have your child Baptized. Here are some of the requirements that we would like you to be aware of.

Requirements: Parents and godparents must attend one preparation session. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics, according to Church regulations.

Additional Information: Parents should be attending Mass regularly. They should see Edward Nolan or Father Herman to schedule the preparation session. The date for the Baptism will be set at this time. Only one godparent, of the same gender as the child, is required.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ***July 23, 2017***

The temptation to intolerance is nothing new. In our own age it is certainly more visible. Through various forms of the media we are exposed to racial hatred, political violence, pornography and religious bigotry.

The temptation to intolerance is found in our readings; especially one of the readings told by Jesus in Matthew's gospel. An enemy plants some weeds in the wheat fields of a man. The wheat and the weeds grow up together.

What is one to do? The most obvious suggestion is made to the land owner: "go out and pull them up." One way to remove weeds is to directly attack the problem. Get those weeds out of the field. The weeds are ruining the wheat. After all, weeds have rights.

If something isn't done, and quickly, the evil weeds will only grow. In addition, what will others think if we don't rid ourselves of these weeds. The enemy will think the landowner is soft on weeds and he will be vulnerable to other attacks. This situation calls for immediate and drastic action.

Jesus counsels another way. The way of patience and hope. Granted such an approach is not popular but it is the most God-like way of living in the world. Jesus is not interested in immediate results or the quick fix. There is great wisdom in time and the ability to patiently wait and hope.

This is never easy. For to wait and hope often strikes others as passive, laid back or downright irresponsible. "Do something" is the categorized imperative of the unthinking. For impulsively to do something without asking the deeper questions of goals, means and intentions is to be part of the problem rather than the solution. Terrorists seldom ask the moral questions of means and goals. The technician in the biology lab making new life forms is never troubled by "silly" concerns of the ethical and moral implications of what is being done. We face that dilemma now in the case of "stem cell research". Our Church tells us that much of the research being touted today is immoral but many want to rush headlong into the concept as a business, not caring about moral implications.

We need to consider the weeds in our own lives. The weeds of abortion, pornography on the INTERNET and in our modern movies, the songs our young people hear, the drugs and the alcohol that weakens our moral resolve are all "weeds" that will choke out the "wheat". The weeds of terrorists taking the lives of innocent men and women should be stopped. These are weeds that cannot grow with the wheat of our faith because they will choke us to death.

However, there are other groups of people that may be different than we are but have the same rights we do. Color of skin, nationality, a difference of opinion are not weeds that we can try to uproot. Some categories of weeds must be eliminated but there are other categories in which we may differ with others but Jesus says "difference alone" is not cause to separate ourselves from others.

We must follow the example of the landlord of the parable. Jesus asks in this parable that we make honest judgments. The landlord recommends caution and patience. At times patience and understanding are needed before we make rash judgments. The responsorial psalm says it beautifully, "Lord, you are good and forgiving."

Unfortunately, our society forces us to make important judgments that are difficult. There are some situations which Jesus would insist we get rid of the "weeds" of our modern society but in today's gospel He also reminds us that we must be patient and

discerning so that we have the courage to eliminate the “weeds” of sin but also to recognize those situations where it may be better to let the weeds and the wheat grow side by side until the “harvest” so that love and understanding is given the chance to accomplish our goals.

