

## Weekend of March 9 & 10, 2019 First Sunday of Lent

### Mass Schedule

**Barona:**

**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:** 2nd Thurs. of January (6:00 PM) and 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM). **Please note change for January.**

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, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Mary Whitespear, Steve and Vera Tucker, Helen Cadiente, Berniece Marrujo, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Stephen Nolan, Agnes Ruiz, , Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Debbie Gonzalez, Frank LaChappa

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

### Mass Intentions – March 10, 2019

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM      Charlie and Gene Curo

Sunday, 10:00 AM    Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon         Community of Sycuan

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

**Barona :** Grades K-8: Class meets on Thursday, 2:45 p.m. and 4:00 pm

**Sycuan:** Grades K-8, Class meet at 10:30 a.m. before Sunday Mass, High School meets Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the new tribal hall

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 15, 2019 – Stations of the Cross Begins

March 17-19, 2019 – Lenten Retreat

April 7, 2019 – Children’s Mass

April 18, 2019 – Holy Thursday, 6:30 PM All reservations –  
Barona Clubhouse

April 21, 2019 – Easter mass



### Parish Lenten Encounter

Sunday, 3/17 – 5PM fellowship, 6-8 PM conference

Monday, 3/18 – 6-8 PM conference

Tuesday, 3/19 – 6-7:30 PM conference, 7:30 PM  
reconciliation service

Where: Clubhouse, St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Please join us as Deacon Andy Orosco challenges us to  
a deeper practical understanding and experience of  
Lent this Lenton season.



**Barona – Fridays, 6:00 PM starting March 15**

## Just a reminder

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Father's salary is due for those who make payments yearly or twice a year. For those who give monthly, please continue. Thank you so much for your generosity.



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**DISCIPLINE AND PRAYER, KEYS to Avoid  
Temptation**

**A reflection on the First Sunday of Lent**

A bible Christian, who was on a strict budget, scolds his wife who bought a new expensive dress. "But I was tempted," the wife remonstrated. The husband retorted: "You should have said, 'Get behind me, Satan!'" "I did," said his wife, "but Satan whispered it looks very beautiful from the back, too."

Temptation is an ever-present reality in life. Even the Lord Jesus was tempted as the gospel of this 1st Sunday of Lent shows. (Luke 4:1-13).

### The Power of Resurrection Bible Study

Jesus' resurrection came after great personal trial, sacrifice and pain. Let's take a biblical look at Jesus' resurrection and how resurrection happens in our own lives. There are many stories of personal death and resurrection as well as after life experiences. The study will begin Thursday, March 7 through April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 PM, Brother Ed's office.

The gospel relates: Jesus withdrew to the wilderness for a long retreat. There he encountered Satan who offered him the ultimate in power, money and material comforts. The offer was, of course, conditional. Jesus was to acknowledge Satan as Supreme Being. "All these I will give you if you will fall down and worship me," the devil said. Jesus answered with an emphatic "No."

The struggle between Jesus and the devil goes on within each of us, every day of our life.

The urge to be true to God is real, but so is the urge to be untrue. St. Paul describes the inner struggle as a "spiritual combat" (Romans 7, 15).

Temptation is not a sin. It is an incitement to evil and a test. It's when we give in to it that sin happens.

In temptation the devil does not always appear in the stereotype image of a horrible looking half-man, half-animal with horns and forked tail. He can appear in the form of a well-dressed man with pleasing personality who incites us, for instance, to bribe people or steal.

Or, he could be a smart, charming lady, say, in the office or workplace who seduces you to be unfaithful to your wife. He could also be a glib-talking politician who promises to serve the people but has actually ulterior motives.

One form of temptation is the so-called "occasion of sin." A man who's been drinking heavily said he wanted to kick the habit.

On the way home, he's invited by his "drinking buddies" to drink just one bottle—for friendship's sake. "But after one bottle," he says, "I feel so weak to refuse a second, then a third and so on." So instead of the concluding toast "one for the road!" it becomes "one for the canal!"

It requires will power to break away. But if one knows he's weak, he should avoid the people, in this case, his "drinking buddies" that will be an occasion to sin.

As someone graphically put it: "To pray against temptation but not to avoid the occasion of sin is like putting your hand in the fire and pray that the hand does not get burned."

Apart from a bad influence of drinking buddies, other occasions of sin are pornographic materials like movies, TV, internet, magazines; places of vices.

We're in the first Sunday of Lent. Lent is a season of testing and discipline. Sometimes we are attracted to

be unfaithful, say, to our marital or religious vows, to accept kickbacks, to take revenge, to cheat, to slander.

Are we making enough effort to resist these? Let's pray that the Lord will give us strength to say no when temptation is so strong. Giving in will not only cause guilt feelings but leads us to perdition.

