

*Weekend of June 24 &
25, 2017*

12th 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

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – June 25, 2017

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM Darrell and Roni Romero

Doreen Romero-Ford

Sunday, 10:00 AM Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon Community of Sycuan

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

If anyone needs a large desk, in good condition, please speak to Ed Nolan.

Religious Education

Classes continue to meet at Sycuan, Wednesdays at 3:30.

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.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 8, Conejos: Mass at noon, followed by grave blessings and potluck.

Peter's Pence Collection - Be a witness of charity.

This collection provides the Holy Father with assistance to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Through your generosity, with Pope Francis, we can cast the love of Christ upon the world. Envelopes are in the back of the church. Please be generous.

Weekend of Saturday, July 1 and Sunday, July 2 -

Mission Sunday: Father Don O'Connor, SVD, a missionary from the Divine Word Society, will share his missionary experience with us and ask us to support our brothers and sisters who are in need of your financial assistance. Please be generous.

Come Celebrate!

Friday, July 14: Bishop McElroy will be celebrating Mass at 6:00 PM at Sycuan in honor of the rededication of the church after extensive renovations, the 35th anniversary of our Parish and the Feast of St

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. Any previous marriages must be considered and canonically processed by the Church.

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart

Lord Jesus, Son of the most high,
may we find refuge
in the humility of your heart,
for your thoughts are thoughts of peace.
And so, in the trials of this world,
we will show forth the riches of your patience,
until that day when we shall be with you
for ever and ever.

--Proclaiming All Your Wonders



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Fear not!” It was the much loved Pope John Paul II, now a saint, who made some kind of a slogan out of this statement of Christ. Come to think of it, how often has our Lord uttered this in the gospel? The Concordance lists thirteen gospel passages where Jesus mentions “Fear not!”

We are normally afraid – oftentimes of the wrong things. Because a student is afraid of failing, he cheats on a test. A taxpayer for fear of paying more taxes tries not to declare all his assets to the IRS (Internal Revenue Service). Anxious to acquire a job, we do not mind lying. We prefer to do good even as we do evil. In other words, as Christ says in today’s gospel,

allow us to kill our soul. The result, as far as our country goes, is a proliferation of a culture of corruption and the degeneration of our social fiber. And for all our moral weakness, we have our favorite whipping boy – either the government or rebellion.

How easy it is to lie: all we need to do is change a word or two. This is, for instance, the infamous “addition-subtraction” in spreading rumors. Who will know that I was the one who did it when I already told them that I didn’t? Lying is about the easiest thing to do, and nobody will ever know the truth. It’s all a matter of words – saying or not saying them, and who’ll know the difference?

But the Lord has two warnings to give: First: “Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known...” Are we naïve to think that anything can be a secret forever? Second: “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul, rather be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna (hell).” Even, if granted I was able to hide an evil deed, justice will nevertheless catch up with me in the next life. That’s like the Oriental *Karma*, according to which I cannot run away from the appropriate reward or forever, since the wheel of righteousness is turning and I will get my just share in due time, here, or hereafter. Then in Gehenna (as our Gospel text calls it), it is not only our body but also our soul which will be utterly destroyed. No, that’s not good at all; it is better for me to be battered painfully in life than already lose my soul even as my body still lives.

Everything makes a difference if one truly believes in God, believes in Him not only with one’s lips but with one’s whole heart, mind and soul. Don’t we very often hear it said, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom?” This, then, is the one fear that counts: fear of the Lord. To fear the Lord is to surrender completely to Him and make oneself resigned to His will. What does this mean? There is something explosive in this. There is here, in fact, a mystical experience in which, like Paul, I might already say, “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” And when that happens everything becomes possible and I have reached the threshold beyond fear. For with God everything is possible. And so, with God in me and with me wholly absorbed in Him, I shall understand what He often says in the gospels: “Fear not!” Yes indeed, there is nothing to fear.

