

Weekend of September 15 & 16, 2018 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Barona:

Daily Rosary and Mass: Tuesday 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 16, 2018

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM Mel and Buddy 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. High School classes will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Important note: Parents are required to register the

children to attend classes.

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

Follow the Lord Jesus. If you lose yourself for Jesus' sake, you will find life. He is worth it and your life depends on it.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sunday, October 14 – Children's Mass

Sunday, November 4 – Children's Mass

Religious Education Teachers in Barona, Viejas & Sycuan

We are in need of teachers for K-8 and we need a teacher for the high school students for religious education. Contact Fr. Herman or Brother Ed if interested or if you have any questions.

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.

Calling Upon the Warrior spirit, inspired by Our Creator, to Heal Historical Trauma Among Native America Through Indigenous Wisdom Conference and Ceremony

October 8-10, 2018

Oak Ballroom @ Viejas Resort & Casino

5000 willows Road, Alpine, CA 91901

Youth panels – Elder panels – Spoken Word
Poetry – Sweat Lodge Ceremony – Talking
Circle Ceremony – “Call to Action” Networking
Event – Indigenous Leadership practices – ACEs
Science – Healing Center – Bird Singing and
much more!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Who Do You Say Jesus Is?

**A reflection on 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15-16, 2018**

There is an interesting line in the gospel today, one that seems to get overlooked with all the things going on. It reads: “Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him...”

Let's briefly replay the scene. Jesus asks Peter and the disciples to state who they think He is. They first answer with some popular opinions (such as that he is Elijah). Then Peter says he is the Christ. Jesus says not to tell anyone and then proceeds to describe what his future as Son of Man holds. At this point, Peter takes Jesus aside and rebukes him. “Rebukes” is a pretty strong word – Peter didn't just take Jesus off to the side and say, quietly and diplomatically, that he thought Jesus had the big picture of the Messiah thing a bit wrong. Peter “rebukes” him; he very forcefully tells Jesus that he's got it all wrong, that suffering and death can't be the end result of this journey that Jesus needs to get his act together.

Peter says all this after witnessing events where Jesus cast out unclean spirits, cured Peter's own mother of a fever, healed a paralyzed man, restored another man's withered arm, calmed a storm at sea, brought a dead child to life, multiplied loaves and fish and fed 5,000 and made a deaf man hear. In spite of being with Jesus, listening to his words and seeing his actions. Peter just didn't get it! When confronted with a Jesus who did not fit with the way he saw the discipleship deal working, Peter calls Jesus

to task for saying what seem like foolish things. In a sense, Peter sees himself a fool for following someone with such foolish ideas.

Where would each of us be if we had been Peter at that moment? Would we be just like Peter, telling Jesus that it makes no sense for him to be a savior who suffers and dies for us? Would we like to tell Jesus that it would work better if he would just do a few more miracles, preach a few more great sermons? Then, with a few more great events, surely everyone would recognize him as the Messiah!

We are called to be fools for Christ in our world.

The challenge we face from today's scripture includes the understanding that living the Christian life demands that we make choices which may appear impractical and foolish according to human standards...and, that being a follower of Jesus may even mean that we are willing to share in his suffering and death.

In the early days of the church, a real physical death came to many who accepted this challenge. Now, the martyrs didn't have to be martyred. After all, couldn't they have just, for the moment, acknowledged the gods of the state and then walked away, alive, keeping the truth of their belief in Jesus Christ hidden quietly inside their minds and hearts?

Our faith, our commitment to Jesus, as St. James tells us in the second reading, has practical consequences. If it is not made concrete through works of practical love for our brothers and sisters, which may demand death to our comfort or position in society, it is lifeless.

There are kinds of death, other than physical death, that martyrs are called to followers of Jesus are to “foolishly” embrace. The challenge of commitment to Jesus forces us to take stands which appear foolish in the eyes of many.

As you strive toward success, why not step on others? It's the way the game is played. After all, if you don't step on, you become the stepped on and people will take you for a fool.

If you're in a group and someone who assumes you all are alike, starts to tell a racial joke, what

do you do? Do you quietly listen and keep the truth of your belief hidden quietly inside your mind and heart? Or, do you risk “social death” from the group and speak out?

Moments such as these occur throughout our lives. In big ways and small ways, they happen to us. It all takes us back to a single question – can people recognize us as followers of Christ because of the lives we live?

Responding to Jesus’ question of “who do you say I am” is the first half of our faith. What we do in the reality of our lives as a result of that response is, as St. James would say, the rest of a living faith.