

*Weekend of August 5 &
6, 2017*

*The Transfiguration of the
Lord*

Mass Intentions – August 6, 2017	
Weekend Masses:	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Community of Barona
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.



Mass Schedule
<p>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.</p> <p>Confessions: By appointment. Sycuan: Weekends: Sunday, Noon. Confessions: By appointment</p>

Sacramental Preparation

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN 7 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER (RCIA):

Requirements: Children must be enrolled in the appropriate grade level of the parish religious education program for two years. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics, according to Church regulations.

Additional Information: Parents and children should be attending Mass regularly. Children will receive Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion at the Easter Vigil or on Easter morning. Parents, godparents, and the children must attend all rites and ceremonies leading up to the reception of these sacraments. Only one godparent, of the same gender as the child, is required.



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.

Upcoming Events
<p>Tuesday, August 15: Holy Day of the Assumption and Feast Day of the Barona Mission. 6:00 PM Mass, followed by a light meal.</p> <p>Anniversary Mass for Evelyn Lloyd: Saturday, Sept. 2. Mass at 10:00 AM, Barona, followed by blessing of the headstone. Reception follows.</p> <p>Sunday, September 10: Feast Day of the Viejas Mission, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 10:00 AM Mass, followed by reception in the hall.</p> <p>Anniversary Mass for Elmer (Bud) Mendoza: Saturday, September 23. Mass at 10:00 AM, Barona, followed by blessing of the headstone. Reception follows.</p>

Prayer for the Canonization of Nicholas Black Elk

Grandfather! Great Spirit! Behold us, who stand before you, singing our song of thanksgiving for your beloved servant, Nicholas Black Elk. Faithfully he walked the Sacred Red Road and generously witnessed the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ among Native people. Grandfather, we humbly ask you, to hear the prayers we plead through his intercession. We ask Holy Mother Church to recognize his sanctity, by acknowledging his presence among the company of saints and as one to imitate in his zeal for the Gospel. Open our hearts to also recognize the Risen Christ in other cultures and peoples, to the glory and honor of God the Father. Mitakuye Oyasin (All my relatives)

Diocese of Rapid City

From the Pastor's Desk

The Transfiguration of the Lord

I'm sure you are familiar with the expressions: 'no pain, no gain;' 'no thorn, no crown;' 'no suffering, no glory;' etc.

Today, we are celebrating the Feast of the Transfiguration. The word 'transfiguration' is derived from the Latin word *transfigurare* for the Greek word *metamorphosis* which means "change of form and appearance." Jesus takes Peter, James and John, this special trio within the twelve, up the high mountain of Tabor where the glory of His destiny is revealed to them. It is the glory that belongs to Him as God's beloved Son. Transfiguration is the foretaste of heaven. This is signified by His dazzling white clothes. Peter wants to preserve the moment. He wants to erect tents. He is overwhelmed and terrified by the experience, yet he does not want it to end.

Moses and Elias are seen talking to Jesus about His death which He is to suffer in Jerusalem. This is seen by the three apostles. The three are wondrously delighted with this glorious vision and Saint Peter cries out to Christ: "Lord, it is good for us to be here! Let us make three tents, one for Thee, one for Moses,

and one for Elias." Then, they hear the voice of the Father who says to them: "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." This moment, not a permanent state of bliss, is given to them to help them realize the true identity of Jesus. That Jesus is the true Messiah, the Son of the living God. This conversation of Jesus with Elijah and Moses has shown us that Jesus is the fulfilment of the law and the prophets. His mission is not to destroy the ways in which the Father has already revealed Himself but to bring this revelation to completion.

Another possible reason for this display was that Jesus wants to strengthen these three apostles for the trials of faith that they would have to face and endure at Mt. Calvary when Jesus would not be on Mt. Tabor (the mountain of the transfiguration), but on Mt. Calvary (the mountain of the cross).

God sometimes gives us moments of consolation and joy. We want this never to end. But that is not our lot here on earth. Before enjoying glory, we must first undergo suffering. But these moments of consolation will help us to go on, to persevere in spite of dryness and difficulties.

The Transfiguration of Jesus, as one priest said, invites us to see the many little transfiguration experiences that we have in our daily lives like: changes of nature, gradual opening of a flower, the blooming of trees, transformation of people, the growing of children, the cycle of birth and death, the realization that God is there. Through the eyes of faith we realize that it is a continuous process of seeing not the flower but the blooming, not the people but their talents, not the sun but its rising, not the miracle but God.

Even every time that we are gathering for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist we experience also a moment of transfiguration where our Lord Jesus Christ is transfigured before our very own eyes. The bread and the wine are transfigured and become His Body and Blood as our spiritual food for communion and life in our journey towards eternal life.

I have witnessed people transfigured, not in terms of physical transformation but in terms of spiritual and moral transformation. I have a friend, he is a priest now. Before he entered the seminary, he was a drug addict, and a member of a gang. But when he entered the seminary after he attended an intense spiritual renewal, some changes happened about him and now he is a priest of good standing and one of the good priests in his diocese where he was incardinated. Yes,

even if we are not in Mt. Tabor, transfiguration happens.



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