

Weekend of July 7 & 8, 2018
Fourteenth 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
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – July 8, 2018

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

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

Who should you encourage to think about a religious vocation? What would people think if you became a priest/brother/sister?

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Grave Blessing, Conejos – Saturday, July 14, 12:00 PM Mass followed by grave blessing and potluck

Saturday, July 14, 2018 – 5:00 PM Mass at Barona

Sunday, July 15, 2018 – Celebration of St. Kateri Tekakwitha - Sycuan, 10:00 mass followed by lunch and activities.

Celebration of St. Kateri Tekakwitha mass on Sunday, July 15, 2018 at Sycuan we are asking the communities to please bring:

Barona – Salads (egg, macaroni, potato, green)

Viejas - Desserts

Sycuan – Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks

Please remember to bring your bathing suits, towels and sports equipment

Religious Education Teachers in Barona

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.

Prayer for Farmers and Farm Workers

Lord Jesus,
in images of farming and rural life
you announced your gospel to the poor.

We pray for rural men and women,
Especially for those who work hard in the fields.

Give us the strength of your Spirit to be witnesses
and collaborators of the creative providence.

May we always sow in ourselves and in our families the holiness and hope of Christian life,
with the same zeal with which we cultivate our land.

**Bless the daily efforts of farmers and farm workers.
Let all recognize the dignity of their labor.**

**Raise from among us men and women at the service of
the gospel,**

**Sisters and brothers to announce unceasingly
your love for this world that is your own field and
farm.**

We give you glory forever and ever.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*Ezekiel, Paul and Jesus: What can we learn from
them in spreading the Word of God?*

A reflection on the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel Reading today tells us how Jesus went to his hometown with his disciples. He preached in the synagogue and the people there, in surprise, asked themselves, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him?" This peevish grumbling in Jesus own hometown confirm for us what many have experienced personally, that a prophet is only disrespected in his own land. Many of us know that someone who has been successful in whatever enterprise is sometimes surprised and hurt to see the negative reaction that comes from some of the members of his or her own family or some of his or her friends. This is, for the person involved, very difficult to overcome. That same reaction was shown towards Jesus by many of the inhabitants of Nazareth. Christ himself was surprised by the lack of faith of his compatriots. He even said, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place, and among his own kin and in his own house."

Jesus experienced failures and disappointments, just as we do, but he did not let that overcome him. He continued on, with integrity, teaching and performing miracles, even though he could not do so in Nazareth. When the Lord preached he always stated clearly and without hesitating what he expected from each person who was willing to listen to him. We Christians say that we follow Christ faithfully and that we are willing to follow his teachings loyally. But oftentimes we can see that when a deacon, priest, bishop or the Holy Father preach or teach something about the great moral themes, protests are immediately raised. And this is just what our Lord had to live through when he did or taught things that

people did not want to hear or that made them feel uncomfortable.

Saint Mark and the other evangelists do not try to cover up the occasional failures that Jesus had during his public life. Not everyone accepted Christ's preaching. Some who listened did not believe. Even when they saw his works and his miracles there were many who did not want to believe. This was the reason that the Lord could not work any miracles in Nazareth. In spite of the poor welcome and the disappointment that he felt, Jesus continued to go from town to town teaching. The Church does the same thing. Following the example of the Lord she preaches, evangelizes and teaches. This is the prophetic mission of the Church and it is her most important work. Nevertheless, it is the most difficult of the tasks that the Lord has given to his Church. Because even though society may not agree with what is taught, even if people stop coming to church because what is being preached is not what they want to hear, the Church must continue to teach valiantly what Christ himself entrusted to her.

And the prophet Ezekiel was in the same predicament. He was given the task of preaching to the people of Israel just when they had rebelled against God. It was a difficult undertaking because these people had become rebellious, hard of face and obstinate of heart. To Ezekiel was given the mission of communicating the word of God without changing it or softening it. That is what he did, even though people did not want to listen.

In the Second Reading, Saint Paul tells the Corinthians that in spite of the insults, the privations and the persecutions that he has suffered for preaching the Word of God he has to continue doing so, he has to continue proclaiming and glorifying the Lord. He shows his profound humility to the Corinthians when he says to them, "that I, Paul, might not become too elated... a thorn in the flesh was given to me..." We do not know exactly what Saint Paul meant when he said this. Perhaps it was an illness or it could have been temptations that beset him. We do know that when he asked the Lord to relieve him of this affliction the response was, "my grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

We suffer from the same weaknesses that Paul had at one time or another in our lives. Our Lord knows that we are weak, that we feel misunderstood when we talk about our faith or about God. We even sometimes feel misunderstood by members of our own family and by our friends. But, in spite of this, we should follow the example of the prophet Ezekiel, who continued to preach, even when no one wanted to listen to him.

