

Weekend of Dec. 24 & 25,  
2016  
Christmas

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).  
**Viejias:**  
**Weekends:** Sunday, 10:00 AM.  
**Confessions:** By appointment.  
**Sycuan:**  
**Weekends:** Sunday, Noon.  
**Confessions:** By appointment



Gilbert Rodriguez, Tom Hyde, Elijah Diaz (Bear), Carol Lane, Martha Redman, Anita Curo, Dixie Necochea, Casey Olaya, Nicole Aceves, Anita Curo, Bob & Colleen Crowden, Mark Price, Donna Berardi, Diego Suarez, Osvaldo Sanchez, Barbara Huston O'Donnell

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – December 25

**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

Upcoming Events

**2017 Calendars:** Calendars for next year are in the back of the church. Please take one.  
**January 15, 2017:** Family Mass

Activities for Christmas Eve/Christmas

Let the oldest or youngest in your family hand out the gifts.  
 Be a generous giver and a gracious receiver.  
 Remember whose birthday you are celebrating.

Meal Blessing

Lord our God,  
 the coming of your Son brings joy to the whole world.  
 Fill us with your love, and the hungry with good things.  
 Bless our table and home and grant that the food we share increase our eagerness to serve you in each other.  
 Glory to you, Lord, in the wonder of your presence among us for ever and ever. Amen.  
*–Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family*

Feast of the Holy Family, December 30



The Holy Family Prayer

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

*Happy New Year* ♡ *Happy New Year* ♡ *Happy New Year*

**Saturday, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Mass**  
*Barona – 5:00 PM*

**Sunday, January 1: Masses on New Year's Day**  
*Barona: 8:00 AM*  
*Viejas: 10:00 AM*  
*Sycuan: Noon*

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### ***From the Pastor's Desk***

Wow! I can't believe that this will be my fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Christmas here at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish already. How days passed by so fast. And in those past years, it was mostly full of joy and happiness for me celebrating the holidays with the people of Barona, Viejas and Sycuan. Let me greet you my brothers and sisters first with a warm:

### ***Merry Christmas!***

THERE is something about the season of Christmas that is essentially human and ennobling. It is the spirit of sharing, of giving and going beyond one's self. And it is as universal as sunshine and raindrops, laughter and joy. It belongs to all!

Only when the spirit of sharing that Christmas brings dwells in human hearts can there be genuine unity and peace. That spirit needs nurturing.

Our fragmented society needs the healing presence of Christmas. The walls that divide us can be overcome only when we all become cheerful givers.

With the Christmas season, nobody is so poor that he has nothing to share. Nobody is so rich that he is totally self-sufficient. In the context of sharing, of giving and receiving everybody wins.

Politics, too, needs to be enlightened by

more on developing a shared vision and mission of making the nation stronger. The differences in approach and strategy should seek to arrive at a common goal.

Business need not be far behind. The spirit of Christmas can be manifested in striving always to be fair in dealing with every stakeholder.

Government at any level truly celebrates Christmas by working incessantly to promote the good of all and by committing its energies and resources in response to the aspirations of the American people.

Ordinary citizens give meaning to Christmas by each contributing time and talent to make life joyful for others.

When all the symbols and trimmings of joy are removed at the end of the season, the celebration of Christmas should not be a mere memory of a past event. Rather, it should remain and live in our hearts to animate us to find better ways to be instruments in the continuous building of our nation.

In this Christmastide, may each one of us be blessed with the spirit of sharing, the charity to give a part of ourselves to those who need it.

As our founder St. Arnold Janssen says:

***May the darkness of sin and the night of unbelief  
vanish before the light of the Word and may the  
Heart of Jesus live in the heart and the hearts of  
all.***

