

*Weekend of Sept. 30 @*

*Oct. 1, 2017*

*26th Sunday in Ordinary*

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**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, 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, Daniel Vicaldo, Toddy Yeats, Caroline Mendoza, Ruiz Family, Cash Osuna-Sutton, Gabe Dowell, Barbara Rogers, Bob Pilkington, Jan Jacobs, Pat Curo, Sister Romero

*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

**Mass Intentions – Oct. 1, 2017**

**Weekend Masses:**

Sunday, 8:00 AM

John and Dora Curo

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon

Marie Johann

**Barona:** Classes for Grades K – 8 at Barona meet on Thursdays, at 2:30 and 3:30.

**Viejas:** Classes meet on Wednesdays, 3:30, Kateri Hall.

**Sycuan:** Classes meet at 11:00 AM Sunday mornings in the church.

**Barona and Sycuan:** We are still in need of teachers for our religious education program, Grades K – 8. It is the responsibility of the parish, with your help, to educate our children in our Catholic faith. Please volunteer to help in this very important ministry. Contact Father Herman for more information.

**Upcoming Events**

**Please remember** Father Alan on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death (Oct. 4).

**World Mission Sunday, October 8, 2017:** We can be part of the Church's missionary work around the world through our prayers and support. Your generosity will help make a faith-filled difference. *Please make checks out to The Propagation of the Faith.*

**What You Don't Know About the Prayers You Pray:** You would be amazed to know the meaning behind the common prayers that we pray, such as Our Father, Hail Mary, Nicene Creed, and Gloria. We will take a look at the Biblical, historical, and cultural meaning to each of these prayers. If you have a favorite prayer, let Ed know so that it can be discussed in these sessions. Coming in early November.

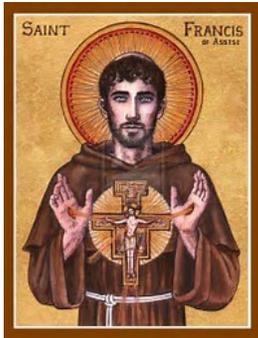
***The Prayer of St. Francis***

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



### **FIRST EUCHARIST (COMMUNION):**

**Requirements:** For children baptized in another parish, a baptismal certificate is required. All children must be enrolled in the appropriate grade level of the parish religious education program for two years.

**Additional Information:** Children will usually make their Penance (Confession) and First Communion in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. Children beginning the program in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade or later will receive these sacraments after their second year of preparation.

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

If you grew up with sisters or brothers today's Gospel makes perfect sense. Was there not always one sister or brother who, when asked by their parents to do something, always responded sweetly, saying "Yes, I will" and then did just what he/she pleased. And the other brother or sister who would whine, "Do I have to" or "I'll do it tomorrow" or "I don't want to". And then do what was asked because of parental persuasion. Sometimes it was done begrudgingly but it was done.

It is one thing to profess faith and to speak with fervent religiosity. It is quite another to live the faith. Deeds speak louder than words. It may sound trite to say that but nonetheless it expresses a very deep truth. More than anything we say, more than any words mouthed, it is the service we offer and the love that we share which truly proclaim our love for God; our discipleship of Jesus. How we live and act, how we serve and how we love, not what we say, gives

expression to our belief and our trust in the God who saves. You not only have to talk the talk, you must also walk the walk.

A young Associate Pastor, newly minted, decided to begin a Sunday evening Bible Study group. After 8 o'clock morning Mass he asked the people to stay and he spoke to them of his idea to start a Bible Study group. After a fervent explanation of his plans he asked, "Do you think we should have in our parish a Sunday evening Bible Study?" He was elated at the response. 54 people thought it was a fine idea. Later in the day he spoke to the Pastor about this wonderful response to his plan. The Pastor listened and then gently said, "Perhaps you should re-phrase the question." The next morning he again asked the people to remain after Mass and then put this question to them, "How many of you will attend the Sunday evening Bible Study?" How disappointing for him when only four hands went up!

Paul tells us in the reading today, "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." Jesus, the Son of God, gave of himself totally, obedient to the Father in all things even to death. To have the attitude of Christ is to give in the same way; to submit to the will of the Father in all things; literally to walk in the footsteps of Jesus...the Jesus who urges us to love God above all else and love the other as ourselves. The words of the prophet Hosea must be etched into our heart, "I desire mercy and not sacrifice." God wants not only your faith but a faith that engenders good works, kindness and care, commitment and love. A faith that is grounded in love.

Our society, our world, places great obstacles before us as we try to live our faith. Often the world confuses and befuddles us as it explains whatever moral aberration as "a right — a right to express self." What does the world say to us today? How does it speak to us about . . .

Greed — one has a right to amass as much as possible no matter who is hurt in the process.

Sexual promiscuity — every young person has a right to feel sexually fulfilled no matter the consequences.

Abortion — it's nothing more than a health choice.

Euthanasia — we have a right not to be burdened by those who are non-productive in our society and they have a right to end their life.

Each day our moral values and traditions are more and more attacked and belittled. Our society, our culture more and more beckons us to take the easy

way. It becomes harder to hear the Father say, “go out and work in the vineyard today.” The words of Ezekiel in the first reading starkly remind us that to turn from God is to choose death.

The world allures but God gives life. The living voice of Jesus speaks to us today. We hear Him say, “Go out and work in the vineyard.” How will you respond?

