

Weekend of August 12

@ 13, 2017

19th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

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, Evelyn McCormick, Daniel Vicaldo, Toddy Yeats, Caroline Mendoza, Ruiz Family, Cash Osuna-Sutton, Gabe Dowell, Barbara Rogers, Bob Pilkington, Jan Jacobs

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – August 13, 2017

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM	Charlie and Gene Curo
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.

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.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 15: Holy Day of the Assumption and Feast Day of the Barona Mission. 6:00 PM Mass, followed by a light meal.

Anniversary Mass for Evelyn Lloyd: Saturday, Sept. 2. Mass at 10:00 AM, Barona, followed by blessing of the headstone. Reception follows.

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.

Anniversary Mass for Elmer (Bud) Mendoza: Saturday, September 23. Mass at 10:00 AM, Barona, followed by blessing of the headstone. Reception follows.

Prayer on the Solemnity of the Assumption

God our Father,
from your Son's fullness
Mary has been given grace upon grace,
so that today you lead her into the light of your glory.
May we come to you as she did,
poor and lowly,
so that like her,
we may one day be transformed into the image of
Jesus,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

--Proclaiming All Your Wonders

From the Pastor's Desk

Ever been approached by someone on the street and been asked: "Have you been saved?" For me, it's about as comfortable a situation as being approached by an insurance salesperson, a shoe sales person...or, for that matter, anyone selling something. I know the next questions – things like: "do you know what it says in scripture passage X, verse Y?" And, of course, I don't. Once I responded to such a person with "I'm Catholic" and walked away. Now what did that mean? Did I just fall back upon that old church sense of superiority – that we Catholics had a special passage into heaven and didn't have to worry about things like whether we were saved – after all, I'd been to mass and communion every Sunday for umpteen years without fail!

In today's gospel the disciples were off rowing in the chaos of a storm on the lake. Jesus was not with them. Having fed the multitudes in the previous chapter of Matthew, Jesus had withdrawn for a time of prayer and solitude. The boat's rocking and rolling, water is crashing over the sides, thunder and lightning flashing in the sky, the wind is roaring – certainly they are, as the scripture describes, "terrified"!

The crux of Matthew today is a story of faith. When Jesus comes and is present with them, their fear is overcome. The storm is still raging all around them (Jesus does not calm the storm until the end of the reading) but their terror is gone. Why? ... because they have been **saved!** They have been saved because Jesus is now with them.

Then we have the bit with Peter walking on the water. I used to wonder why scripture has Jesus being so hard with Peter – the "O you of little faith" line. After all, Peter at least tried out his faith and walked on the water for a little period of time toward Jesus. What I

think is happening here, what Jesus is doing with Peter, and, by extension, what Jesus is doing in this scripture from Matthew with me and you, is challenging us to grow in faith. Jesus challenges us to let Him be the Lord of our lives in every single aspect. Jesus challenges us to recognize – to believe – that we cannot save ourselves that only through Him can there be true salvation.

Can't save ourselves? ... now that seems a pretty un-American thing. After all, are we not the land of rugged individuals who glory in stories of the individual hero conquering all...be it Gary Cooper or Clint Eastwood we believe in doing it ourselves. Isn't the first word we really learn as children, "NO", much to the sorrow of our parents.

What happens next all too often is the tension between a Jesus who wants us to be with Him completely, to see in Him our only means to salvation; and, on the other side, the call of our individuality, the false sense of pride in achieving our own salvation on our own terms.

All too often out of that tension our response is to compartmentalize Jesus. We put Jesus into one compartment of our lives... that place where we act out our especially religious or "churchy" moments...that place where, when confronted with intense pain or sorrow, we cry out "Lord save me"! All too often we leave Jesus in the tabernacle at church...unless...unless the boat that is our life encounters a storm and the wind roars and the lightning flashes and the thunder booms — and we cry out "Lord save me"!

Peter falters in his faith in scripture today because he concentrated too much on the threat of the wind and the waves and not enough on the presence of Jesus right there in front of him. Jesus says to us "Come!"...and He challenges us to keep our eyes on Him, to depend on Him, to believe in Him no matter what is going on in our daily lives.

The gospel ends with the line "truly, you are the Son of God". In other translations, the word "truly" is understood as "beyond doubt". Either way it does not mean that, because they saw Jesus walk on water and calm the storm, the disciples now had total faith and the absence of all doubt. Rather it means that they had gotten beyond doubt by turning to and trusting in the Lord in the very midst of confusion, disappointment and fear.

They were saved...and so are we.

Jesus immediately reached out
his hand and
caught him...

Matthew 14:31, NRSV

