

Weekend of March 3 & 4th, 2018 Third Sunday of Lent

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, Carol Lane, Anita Curo, Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Lourdes Adora, Donna Berardi, Secora Nelson, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Gabe Dowell, Diana Pico, Clayton Curo, Bobby Malibago, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Mary Whitespear

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – March 4, 2018

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM	John and Dora Curo
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan



Barona: We are in need of donations for flowers for the Easter celebration mass. If you would like to donate, special envelopes will be in the back of the pews and in the back of the church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Barona: Classes for Grades K – 8 at Barona meet on Thursdays, at 2:45 and 4:00. High School meets on Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m.

Viejias: Classes meet on Wednesdays, 3:30, Kateri Hall.

Sycuan: Class meets before Sunday Mass

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Barona: Fridays, 6:00 PM starting Feb. 23rd
Viejias: Wednesday, 5:00 PM starting Feb. 21st

UPCOMING EVENTS



Turn your clocks ahead on Sunday, March 11 – Daylight savings time begins

Sunday, March 11 – Tuesday, March 13 – Parish Lenten Retreat, Club House 6:30 PM

**“Our life's journey: a Gift from crib to cross
Guided by His Resurrected Spirit.”**

The focus of this scriptural based retreat is an inter-active prayer-filled experience including presentations/guided reflections with use of religious art and symbols.

Fr. Joe Miller, SVD and Esther Delao are looking forward to sharing this Lenten experience with you!

Tuesday, March 13 -6:30 PM Session followed by Confessions

Confirmation Retreat: Saturday March 17, 9-5 Our Lady of Sacred Heart Parish: 4177 Marlborough Street

Children's Mass – April 15, 2018

First Communion: Saturday, April 21, 5:00PM

Grave Blessing, Viejas: Saturday, April 28, 10:00 mass followed by grave blessing

Confirmation: Tuesday, May 1, 7:00PM @ Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

May Crowning: Viejas, Sunday, May 6
Barona, Sunday, May 20

God's commandments lead us on the path to life. What path will you choose to walk? Pray for wisdom.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Change is good, right? Without it, we would still be living in caves and dying before we were 25. We wouldn't have our modern medicine or good roads or our means of transportation or any of our modern conveniences. But, sometimes change isn't so good and that's why Jesus threw the money changers out of the Temple —out of His Father's house.

These people had changed the Temple —the House of God—into a den of thieves through their shady dealings. Jesus didn't want these men to change the Temple into a place where people had to buy their way in, in order to pray. He wanted all people to be able to pray in the Temple without bribing someone to let them in.

The past is extremely important because it's a part of our heritage—a part of us. Without it, we wouldn't be who we are today—sort of like a ship without a rudder—just floating along waiting for the next thing to happen to us. So, it's great to remember the past and learn from it but it's not OK to live in the past.

Many of us old-timers remember those majestic Latin Masses and the Gregorian chants and Communion only on the tongue and nuns wearing those stately habits and long lines for Confession every Saturday afternoon. Nothing is wrong remembering these things with a warm nostalgia. What would be wrong is if a Catholic tries to live those times again. We can't turn back the clock. We might wish it were so, but it just can't be done.

There's a song by Bruce Springsteen named "Glory Days". It's very sad because it's about some people who come into a bar and all they do is talk about the

past—how pretty they were, what a good athlete they were, how they were going to "be somebody" someday. But, somehow, all of the potential that they had, just turned into empty dreams.

Some of us, I think, tend to do the same thing, don't we? Whether it's growing old and having to go into a nursing home or being laid off at work or a divorce or a death of a loved one or whatever our situation is, we begin to feel diminished—less worthy. We try to relive our glory days. It can't be done. We can remember these wonderful times as part of our past but we have to move on in life.

Jesus tells us that our true glory days are ahead of us. Those glory days are the ones that we'll be spending with Him eternally in heaven. Any glory on here on Earth is only a shadow of what's to come.

We can't, like the money changers in the Temple, let earthly prestige or power rule our days. So, we can't fix our eyes on a dead past. We have to fix them only on our living and loving Lord. And, the same goes with our Church. We can reminisce about the past, but we can't live there. Jesus has too much "good" for us in the future. In fact, the best is yet to come.

Another problem that we have when we want to live in the past is that we tend to be unable to accept Christ's forgiveness of our sins. For example, I have a friend who is a priest who ministers to a very devout order of nuns. He told me about one nun, in particular, who is closer to 90 than she is to 80, who still confesses a sin that she committed when she was 19 years old. Amazing!

The people who live in the past, still wallow in guilt; tormented by past offenses. They are constantly worried about going to hell and are unable to make peace with their human frailties. God certainly didn't die a horrible death on the cross for this! God's love persists through all our infidelities and weaknesses. So, don't fix your eyes on yesterday's sins. Fix them on today's forgiveness and tomorrow's hope.

On Ash Wednesday we heard the words "Repent and believe in the Gospel" as the ashes were being placed on our foreheads, Yes! "Turn away from sin and believe the Gospel—the Good News".

Are we turning away from our past sins? Lent is a great time to do just that, isn't it? If you're still

looking for something to give up—some sort of self-denial—give up living in the past. Let Jesus envelop you with His ever-present love—a love that is ever present because He can't ever take His eyes off of us. How great is that?!

