

Weekend of June 10 @

11, 2017

Solemnity of the Holy

Trinity

Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

Religious Education

All classes at Barona and Viejas have ended for this school year. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Classes continue to meet at Sycuan, Wednesdays at 3:30.

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

BECOMING A CATHOLIC (RCIA) CLASSES BEGIN IN AUGUST

This program is for adults who have not been baptized in any faith, or who were baptized in another Christian religion, and for those adult Catholics who have only been baptized.

Requirements: Baptized Catholics must bring a baptismal certificate.

Additional Information: Adults will make the sacraments needed in order to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Those over age 18 should contact Ed Nolan, to begin preparations for these sessions.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 8, Conejos: Mass at noon, followed by grave blessings and potluck.

Friday, July 14: Bishop McElroy will be celebrating Mass at 6:00 PM at Sycuan in honor of the rededication of the church after extensive renovations, the 35th anniversary of our Parish, and the Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Mass will be followed by dinner.

Trinity Prayer

Glory be to the Father, who by His creative power and love gave life to all things, and made me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son, who showed us the way of love, and who redeemed me by His selfless act of dying for me.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit, from whom we have received many gifts in the sacrament of confirmation, and who continues to guide me in my daily life.



Gilbert Rodriguez, Tom Hyde, Elijah Diaz (Bear), Carol Lane, Anita Curo, Sue Kierig, Bob & 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

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – June 11, 2017

Weekend Masses:

Glory be to Thee, blessed Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

INFANT BAPTISM:

We are happy that you have chosen to have your child Baptized. Here are some of the requirements that we would like you to be aware of.

Requirements: Parents and godparents must attend one preparation session. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics, according to Church regulations.

Additional Information: Parents should be attending Mass regularly. They should see Edward Nolan or Father Herman to schedule the preparation session. The date for the Baptism will be set at this time. Only one godparent, of the same gender as the child, is required.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

There is this famous story that St. Augustine was walking on the beach contemplating the mystery of the Trinity. Then he saw a boy in front of him who had dug a hole in the sand and was going out to the sea again and again and bringing some water to pour into the hole. St. Augustine asked him, "What are you doing?" "I'm going to pour the entire ocean into this hole." "That is impossible, the whole ocean will not fit in the hole you have made" said St. Augustine. The boy replied, "And you cannot fit the Trinity in your tiny little brain." The story concludes by saying that the boy vanished as St. Augustine had been talking to an angel.

Feast of the Holy Trinity: The mystery of the communion of three persons in love.

We celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity. Since the 1300s, the Christian Church has celebrated, on the Sunday immediately following Pentecost, a feast dedicated to the Holy Trinity, to help all believers focus more explicitly on who God is.

One thing that can be said about the Holy Trinity is that it is a mystery we cannot ever fully comprehend. This is one of the messages that the previous Pope Benedict XVI has preached since the beginning of his papacy. His papal shield prominently features a sea-shell which comes from a story in the life of St. Augustine, on whom our Holy Father did his doctorate 50

convert, bishop, and theologian of the 5th Century, was trying to come to grips with the Trinity for what later on became his multi-volume work *De Trinitate*.

As he was walking along the beach, trying to take in God's infinity through the infinite horizon of the sea, he saw a young girl going back and forth into the sea, filling a scallop shell with water that she proceeded to pour into a hole she had dug in the sand. "What are you doing," Augustine asked her. "I'm trying to empty the sea into his hole," the child replied. "How do you think that with a little shell, you can possibly empty this immense ocean into a tiny hole?" Augustine asked. The little girl countered, "And how do you, with your small head, think you can comprehend the immensity of God?" As soon as the girl said this, she disappeared, convincing Augustine that she had been an angel. St. Augustine, as erudite as he was, and our new Holy Father, as great a theologian as he is, both recognize that before the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, one can never understand everything.

Nonetheless, this does not mean we cannot understand anything about the Holy Trinity. God graced the Jews with the revelation that there is truly only one God. Jesus, for His part, said that while God is one and there is no other God but Him, God is likewise a mystery of the communion of three Persons in love - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. "God is love," as John the evangelist tells us in his gospel and letters, and therefore for God to be love, He could not be solitary, because no one can love in a vacuum.

This Trinity Sunday is a chance for us to once again hear God calling us to live up to our dignity as His children and enter more deeply into communion with Him and with other persons. Out of love, God has created us in His image, made us capable of receiving His own love and life within, and given us the joyful privilege of sharing it with others. Today we thank God for that gift and that calling, and say, "Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end." Amen.



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