

*Weekend of Feb. 4 @*

*5, 2017*

*5th 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, Father Ron Hebert, Donna Berardi, Anita Curo, Sue Kierig, Bob & Colleen Crowden, Ro Harrison, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angela Samot, Lourdes Adoron

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

**Mass Intentions – February 5**

**Weekend Masses:**

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

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:**

**MARRIAGE:**

**Requirements:** Please contact the priest at least nine months prior to the wedding date. If you were baptized in another parish, a baptismal certificate is required. You are required to take the Pre-Cana, Evenings for the Engaged, or a weekend Engaged Encounter. Any previous marriages must be considered and canonically processed by the Church.

**Bingo Night!**

Hosted by Queen of Angels Ladies Auxiliary  
Bring family and friends (over 18 only)

When: Friday, February 24, at 6:00 PM

Where: Parish Hall, 2569 W. Victoria Drive, Alpine

Proceeds will help restore the Parish Hall!

Please contact Linda at 619-997-3006 with any questions.



**Sessions on Prayer:** This course will be on the many types of prayer, such as scriptural, meditation, contemplation, centering, and formal. Mindfulness, a style of meditation that has been sweeping the nation, has one of its origins in Catholic spirituality. Come see which style of prayer best suits you. There will be 6 sessions, beginning on Wednesday, February 15. We will not meet on Ash Wednesday. The last session will be on March 29. Place: Ed Nolan's office, 6:30 PM.

**Upcoming Events**

**Annul Catholic Appeal:** Please take a brochure explaining the ACA, an envelope, and a pledge card.

### Religious Education Classes

#### Barona:

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

Classes for High School and Confirmation meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

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

**Sycuan:** Classes meet on Tuesdays, 4:00 PM. Call Ed Nolan to register your children.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Christianity continues to be seen as counter-cultural. Remember the teaching of Jesus about the Beatitudes. The values being presented in it and the values of the kingdom are opposed or different from the values of the world. But Christianity is not about anachronism. Indeed, it is not outdated. Christians are simply called to be prophets in this world. As prophets, they must have something to teach in the world.

This could be the cogent reason why Jesus concluded his teaching to his disciples by exhorting them to become “salt of the earth” and “light of the world.” Let us try to reflect on these two images which we are all familiar with.

First, salt does two things to food. It adds taste to food and it preserves food. Applying this to our Christian life, we should say that Christians should add flavor to life, and the values of Christianity should be preserved. In other words, Christianity calls for relevance and fidelity.

To help us understand this, let us try to reflect on the ordinary organizations that we see in our society, be it ecclesial or civil. Experience tells us that the life of a certain organization depends on its social relevance. An organization which does not show any significance at all in the society is doomed to fail. That organization simply disappears. For Christianity, it is important to show its relevance to the world. This is the reason why the Church, despite the oppositions and ridicules, continues to speak the truth and denounce the evils in this world. Teaching social

That makes the Church relevant to the world characterized by insensitivity and callousness. This is also a good reminder for us Christians.

If we allow our Christian values to be overpowered by the values of the world then we will lose our flavor, we will lose our relevance. If we compromise our Christianity, like forgetting to go mass on Sundays, then secularized people would no longer see the difference between them and us. Our distinction is gone, and if this happens, then we lose our relevance. In addition, another challenge that a Christian faces today is a question of faithfulness. Faithfulness to responsibilities and faithfulness to relationships, like marital relationships. It can never be that easy. But preserving our values, by being faithful, we can indeed become salt of the earth.

Second, light is important to our day-to-day life. We cannot live without it. And light is more appreciated in darkness. The call of Christians to become light of the world suggests that they become witnesses of Christ. The First Reading helps us to understand this. The Lord through the prophet Isaiah says, “Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn.” If people are greedy, the world turns into dark. If we emphasize too much on privacy and individualism, we can be selfish, and we cannot be concerned with others. That is the darkness of the world. In this darkness, we should show the light. How? We know how generous Jesus was, and compassionate to those who were hungry and in need. The generosity which was in Christ should be shown and be felt by the world. If we learn how to be generous, we Christians can become, not only relevant, but also witnesses to the goodness of Christ. The light of Christ will shine in this world. As light, we can become significant.

Thus, the gospel passage is a fitting reminder of our status as followers of Christ. Our being Christian bears meaning and vocation, that is, to become light of Christ to the world.

"You are the  
**light of the world.**

A town built on a hill  
cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:14, NIV

