

Weekend of August 25 & 26, 2018
 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Barona:
Daily Rosary and Mass: Tuesday 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, Carol Lane, Anita Curo, Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Secora Nelson, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Gabe Dowell, Diana Pico, Clayton Curo, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Mary Whitespear, Frank LaChappa, Steve and Vera Tucker, Helen Cadiente, William and Berniece Marrujo, Mae Guerrero

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – August 26, 2018

Weekend Masses:	Darrell and Roni Romero
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Doreen Romero-Ford
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Barona : Classes will begin Thursday, Sept. 20
 At 2:45 and 4:00 PM.

Sycuan: Grades K-8, Class meets before Sunday Mass

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Choose to follow and serve God with

your whole life.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 9 – 10:00 AM, Celebration of Viejas' Feast Day. Pot luck meal to follow. It is the 79th anniversary of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Church in Viejas.

Sunday, September 23 – Children's Mass – Mark Price will be preaching.

Sunday, October 14 – Children's Mass

Sunday, November 4 – Children's Mass

**Religious Education Teachers in
 Barona, Viejas & Sycuan**

We are in need of teachers for K-8 and we need a teacher for the high school students for religious education. Contact Fr. Herman or Brother Ed if interested or if you have any questions.



Brother Ed Nolan will be on vacation for the month of September.

A Prayer for Teachers and Students

Lord Jesus,
 You are the teacher of teachers.
 Before you we are all learners.
 As we delve into life's mysteries,
 Each day carries lessons for us.
 Enlighten our minds. Open our hearts.
 Give us the blessing of your presence in our studies,
 and the will to work together
 with commitment to the glory of God

and the good of all the world. Amen.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Love and Fidelity, Key to Eternal Life A Reflection on the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

On several Sundays of the year, there is a single common theme running thru all 3 of the readings. Today is an example. The theme of Joshua, of the letter to the Ephesians, and of St. John's Gospel is fidelity, faithfulness, keeping a promise one has made, a word one has given.

When we hear the word fidelity we are apt to think about the faithfulness of spouses to one another. But the concept of fidelity is much broader than that. Fidelity is present when I pay my bills, when I keep my promises. Your son shows fidelity when he takes out the garbage because he promised he would. Your daughter shows fidelity when she returns from a date on time because you asked her to. I am faithful when I keep an important promise like observing the terms of a will, or when I simply come on time for an appointment.

Unfaithfulness, breaking one's promise always brings sadness. I remember a long time ago when I broke a promise to my dad. I thought it was a simple thing. I promised to stay home and do my homework and afterwards, help my mom do house chores, but went with my friends to watch a movie instead. I won't ever never forget his anger & his disappointment when he found out what I did. He wasn't angry that the work wasn't done; I could do that another time. He was angry because I was not faithful to my promise. The anguish of Caesar when he was stabbed by the Roman senators was doubled because of them was his friend, Brutus. You

expect a lack of fidelity from enemies, but not from friends.

Fidelity and trust are companions. You always find them together. That is because fidelity creates trust in the people to whom I have been faithful. Fidelity is somewhat like the breeder reactor, which, when it makes use of plutonium, actually produces more fuel than it consumes.

There are very few human values rated more highly than fidelity and the trust that fidelity creates. Fidelity is the key to anyone's reputation. Label a man or woman untrustworthy, and they have lost the respect that is the basis of all human relations. We see either a claim for fidelity or a plea for trust in almost every area of our lives. Banks & other financial institutions often have the word "trust" in their corporate name. We set up trust funds to protect the rights of those unable to prosecute their own interests. Every dollar bill has printed on it the words: "In God We Trust." Without fidelity and trust, all commerce would come to a standstill. I once saw the title of a corporation that called itself the "Mutual Trust and Fidelity Company"—a classic case of overkill in the use of these respected words.

If love is the queen of virtues, then fidelity must be a close second. And when love and fidelity are combined in one person, we have what surely must be the greatest human force for good that is possible in this world.

Both love and fidelity are found in the person of Jesus. He gave his life for us. And he never broke a promise to his followers, even to his enemies. Because of his fidelity, his apostles trusted him completely. And when he promised such an unbelievable thing as his body to eat and his blood to drink, their only response could be: "Lord, to whom shall we go; we love you and trust you, for you have the words of eternal life."

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