

Weekend of February 16 & 17, 2019 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Barona:

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: 2nd Thurs. of January (6:00 PM) and 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM). **Please note change for January.**

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, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Mary Whitespear, Frank LaChappa, Steve and Vera Tucker, Helen Cadiante, Berniece Marrujo, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Stephen Nolan, Agnes Ruiz, , Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Debbie Gonzalez

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – February 17, 2019

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM	Mel and Buddy Curo
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Barona : Grades K-8: Class meets on Thursday, 2:45 p.m. and 4:00 pm

Sycuan: Grades K-8, Class meet at 10:30 a.m. before Sunday Mass, High School meets Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the new tribal hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 18 – President’s Day

March 3, 2019 – Children’s Mass at all reservations

March 17-19, 2019 – Lenten Retreat

September 7, 2019 – 80th Anniversary of the Mission church in Viejas



President’s Day Prayer

Almighty God,

We make our earnest prayer

– that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection,

– that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government;

– and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States of America at large.

And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all

– to do justice,

– to love mercy and

– to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of The Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation.

Grant our supplication, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen

--George Washington, First President of the United States

April 30,1789



Christ's resurrection makes our faith fruitful and our lives worthwhile. Be open to Jesus' great gift.

**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER
SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
800-553-3321**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

How Jesus Calls Us through the Beatitudes

We Have a Choice to Choose A Reflection on the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I would guess that most people have at one time or another, fantasized about coming into a large sum of money and what they would do with it. It might be after buying a lottery ticket or picturing the Publisher's Clearing House truck stopping at your house or imaging yourself sitting in that seat on the Millionaire TV show and saying: "Yes, that is my final answer". We may pick different amounts – what would I do if, right now, I had \$30,000,000, or \$300,000 or \$30,000 just fall out of the sky and into my life. Visions of paid off house mortgages, paid off car loans and travel come into the mind along with even more mundane things like a new refrigerator. So do other things like helping out our children and family and friends and church and those in need. We daydream about what we would do, how we would live, and what would change in our lives.

We have bought into the conventional wisdom that we can solve our worries in the here and now – it does not have to be the big lottery winner, just a few thousand dollars more and we could eliminate much worry from our lives.

Each of the three readings today is an affront to conventional wisdom. Jeremiah tells us not to trust in human efforts, but to trust in God. In Paul's letter, the Christian teaching about the resurrection of the body insulted the common sense of the Corinthian community. In the gospel of Luke, the beatitudes completely reverse our conventional aspirations: "happy the poor", "happy are those who hunger now", "happy are those who weep."

It is hard to "unlearn" the conventional wisdom. It is hard to embrace the unconventional wisdom of our faith.

This is one reason why periods of loss, crisis and change are so difficult. The death of a loved one, the loss of a job, a major illness – all these events force us out of comfortable routine and conventional ways. Crisis forces us to look upon our lives in a new way.

Who has not, at some moment in life said, "God, if you would just _____"? For example, you are very ill or injured and all you have is a hospital bed and pain. You lie there and begin to think about all the things in your life which seemed to matter so much and now seem to matter so little. You make mental decisions to change yourself. "God, if you would just heal me – now I know what is truly important and unimportant – if I can get over this illness, this injury, I will change my life."

Then we go on and list the changes we would make. We would trade time. We would take time spent in pursuit of material gain and apply it to spiritual gain. Time at work or time watching TV would go down and time for relationships with family, friends and God would increase.

Then, we get well. What normally happens then is, bitten by good health, our best intentions fade and we once again move into lives of conventional rather than unconventional wisdom. We let the lessons – that what is truly important in life is what stirs our souls, not what comforts our bodies -just drop away.

Jesus calls us in today's scripture to choose how we invest our lives.

He says: "But woe to you rich, for your consolation is now. Woe to you who are full; you shall go hungry." The words here represent someone who is going to go bankrupt. The woes in Luke's gospel represent bankrupt policies; they are ways of life that (using modern business jargon) do not yield a return on investment.

It is a life focused on following our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a life involving the important things – like love, forgiveness, kindness, mercy, honesty It is a life of unconventional wisdom where only the richness of your soul and the contents of your heart are counted.