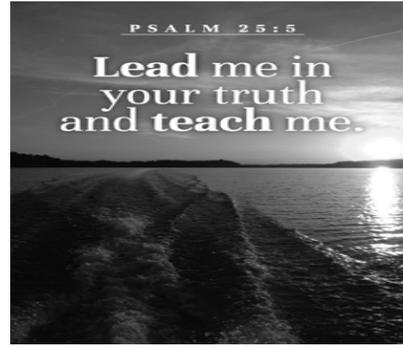


Weekend of January 13

@ 14, 2018

2nd Sunday in Ordinary

Time



Children's Masses

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Sunday, March 11, 2018

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, 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, Judy Bonnell

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – Jan. 14, 2018

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM Charlie and Gene Curo

Sunday, 10:00 AM Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon Community of Sycuan

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 14, 2018 – Family mass on all reservations

Saturday, January 20, 2018, 10:00 AM, Barona – Boxie Phoenix Anniversary mass. Reception follows.

Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 PM – Parish Financial Meeting

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

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

FIRST EUCHARIST (COMMUNION):

Requirements: For children baptized in another parish, a baptismal certificate is required. All children must be enrolled in the appropriate grade level of the parish religious education program for two years.

Additional Information: Children will usually make their Penance (Confession) and First Communion in the 3rd Grade. Children beginning the program in the 3rd Grade or later will receive these sacraments after their second year of preparation.

**Ed's Partial Retirement
After 40 Years of Service**

After 40 years of service upon the reservations, and on his 70th birthday, Ed Nolan will be paritally retiring as of Sunday, January 14, 2018. His days on the reservations will be Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week. He will still be available for Children's Masses, and will have some availability for anniversaries and funerals. Ed has enjoyed the people and his work on the reservations through the years, and expresses deep gratitude to those who have supported him in his ministry at Barona, Viejas, and Sycuan.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We begin Ordinary Time in our liturgical year by reflecting on what it means to be "called" by God. In both the 1st Reading and Gospel this Sunday, we have picture of people being called to follow God. Samuel gets confused and thinks that it is another human being calling him. Eli understands eventually that it is God calling Samuel and has the courage to tell him that.

In the Gospel, it is John the Baptist who points two of his followers in the direction of Jesus. One of them is Andrew and he later brings his own brother along. Here it is clear that the call to follow Jesus can come through others and does not necessarily have to come directly from God Himself.

We are invited to reflect on our own lives. Many of us probably don't think that we are called by God. Yet the Scriptures seem to indicate that each person has a special call from God: to serve God, perhaps to be married, perhaps to be celibate, perhaps to lead and perhaps to follow someone else. A call from God is a call to live.

In order to hear a call, we must become silent so that we can listen. This is probably the greatest challenge of all in our present age. There is so much noise, so much distraction, so many people and things that want our attention. There is also a huge difficulty today in seeking what is right, because lots of cultures do not recognize any difference between right and wrong, but only recognize a difference between what I want and what I don't want.

It is at this point that I recall Martin Luther King, Jr. and Arnold Janssen. Two great men of faith who in spite of the noise and distraction in their surroundings were still able to be focused on God's "call" to change the world they lived in.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a dedicated Christian, zealous preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, tireless defender of the dignity of the human person, uncompromising champion of the equality of all the sons and daughters of God, an ardent ambassador of reconciliation and peace. Through the efforts of Dr. King and the persevering work of many others, much has been accomplished in legally dismantling the structures of segregation and in discrediting public expressions of racism.

Fr. Arnold Janssen was just a simple Diocesan priest and a teacher in Christian Doctrine during the Second World War. But God had bigger plans for him. Responding to the difficulties and challenges during his time, he founded the Society of the Divine Word, who are popularly known as the Divine Word Missionaries of which I am a member of, in order to help people who are poor, oppressed, persecuted of their religion, etc. Later on, he founded two other congregations, the Blue Sisters known as the Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit (SSpS) who go with the priests and brothers in foreign lands and a contemplative order, Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration (SSpSAP), popularly known as the Pink Sisters. Members of the Society of the Divine Word now number about 10,000 all over the world.

From these two men, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Arnold Janssen we see great models of how we should listen to God's call. When we speak of God's call, we are speaking about something very personal and very intimate, but not in the same way as we might have a relationship with another human being. We must learn to be in contact with the very inmost recesses of our own being—but we must not think that a call from God is simply knowing ourselves. This is also one of the difficulties in our own time. It is as though many people think that we can look in a mirror and in the mirror find out what God wants simply by knowing ourselves.

On this Second Sunday of the Year, we are invited to listen and to respond to God. We are invited to make our decisions in life from an awareness of His personal call to us. We are invited to seek truth and to follow it. May we come to know the living God who

invites us to share in His life. And may we make the decisions in our lives that proclaim that we are followers of the Lord Jesus.

