

**Weekend of June 23 & 24, 2018
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

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
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – June 24, 2018

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

“Why are you terrified? Why are you lacking in faith?” If God is calling you, don’t let fear stop you.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Grave Blessing, Conejos – Saturday, July 14, 12:00 PM Mass followed by grave blessing and potluck

Saturday, July 14, 2018 – 5:00 PM Mass at Barona

Sunday, July 15, 2018 – Celebration of St. Kateri Tekakwitha - Sycuan, 10:00 mass followed by lunch and activities.

**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 18 should contact Ed Nolan, to begin preparations for these sessions.

Sacrament Contacts

Infant Sacrament of Baptism – Beth Glasco
(619-820-6880)
Infant baptism, up to 6 years old

Adult Baptism & RCIA – Ed Nolan
(619-972-8711)
Adult baptism, ages 18 and above

Children’s Baptism - ages 7-17 are part of the religious education program, call Alyssa Parada
(619-990-1036)

Sacrament of Marriage – Alyssa Parada
(619-990-1036)

Peter's Pence Collection, June 23 & 24 – This collection provides the Holy Father with assistance to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Through your generosity, with Pope Francis, we can cast the love of Christ upon the world. Envelopes are in the pews and in the back of the church. Please be generous.

Prayer to St. Benedict for Peace

St. Benedict, you were a man of peace.
You walked the paths of peace your whole life long
And led all who came to you into the ways of peace.
Help us, St. Benedict, to achieve peace:
Peace in our hearts, peace in our homes, peace in our
sorely troubled world.
Through your powerful intercession with God help us
to be peacemakers.
Aid us to work for peace, to take the first step in
ending bitterness, to be the first to hold out our hands
in friendship and forgiveness.
Beg God to let peace permeate our lives so that they
may be lived in God's grace and love.
And at the end of our lives obtain for us the reward of
peacemakers, the eternal blessed vision of God in
heaven. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What can we learn from St. John the Baptist? ***June 24, 2018***

John was a towering figure of conversion and his preaching about it bordered on insult, harsh invectives and threats. His teaching created a climate of fear on those who were guilty and hope on those who believed. His denunciations were strong that he formed a circle of enemies that eventually had him silenced.

John preached repentance and it meant the conversion (reform) of Israel (Mt. 3:2). Conversion was not only on the personal and spiritual levels but also on the communal and societal aspects of the Israelite society including religious and governmental. The message of John was a call for radical transformation, a change on the personal and societal levels of

human life. His external appearance and lifestyle manifested the elements of radical change as he survived on honey and wore a camel's hair styling him symbolically after the Old Testament figures, i.e. Samuel and Elijah who followed the tradition of resistance and a revolutionary model of renewing society.

If the message itself of John was already strong, the reasons created by his language contributed more to its biting strength. He called the priestly elite – the Pharisees and Sadducees – the honorable people of the society as “brood of vipers.” It is said that this expression was meant to disrobe the priestly elite with honor for their deeds that heavily burdened the people with economic problems and social ills. The priests were in cahoots with the Roman patrons.

How are we to appropriate the political color of John's message? Isn't the message of repentance a scary one since we need to change not only our ways but also to exhort others to lead righteous lives? Isn't it scary since the conversion must happen not only in a day (day of confession) or season or for a few months but it should happen during our lifetime? Charity is a sweet kind of kindness but Mother Teresa once mentioned that to remove the root cause of material poverty is easier than to eradicate spiritual poverty. Because people feel they don't need God, they don't need the human words of care and concern; they see only their self-sufficiency, they see only their own survival. This attitude creates values on movements like globalization and secularization and are inhibited by some communities and institutions that makes peoples' lives harder. This is where the radical call to conversion finds its meaning. We are called to carry out the task of conversion in the areas of human behavior that seeks to chart common good. That was what John became and it led to his death.

Now, are you ready to become the John the Baptist of the 21st Century?

John the
Baptist
Prepares
the Way

