

*Weekend of Oct. 7 &
8, 2017
27th Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

Mass Intentions – Oct. 8, 2017	
Weekend Masses:	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Charlie and Gene Curo
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Marie Johann

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.

Sycuan: Classes meet at 11:00 AM Sunday mornings in the church.

Barona and Sycuan: We are still in need of teachers for our religious education program, Grades K – 8. It is the responsibility of the parish, with your help, to educate our children in our Catholic faith. Please volunteer to help in this very important ministry.

Mass Schedule
<p>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.</p> <p>Confessions: By appointment. Sycuan: Weekends: Sunday, Noon. Confessions: By appointment</p>

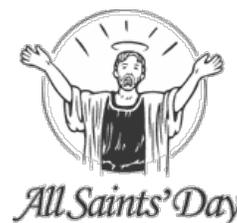


Gilbert Rodriguez, Tom Hyde, Elijah Diaz (Bear), Carol Lane, Anita Curo, Sue Kierig, Colleen Crowden, Ro Harrison, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Lourdes Adora, Donna Berardi, Jake Calhoun & Family, Gutierrez Family, Santos Family, Betty Peleo, Floreste Artlluga Family, Balegut Family, Secora Nelson, Daniel Vicaldo, Toddy Yeats, Caroline Mendoza, Ruiz Family, Cash Osuna-Sutton, Gabe Dowell, Barbara Rogers, Bob Pilkington, Jan Jacobs, Pat Curo, Sister Romero, Clayton Curo, Diana Pico, Msgr. Kirk

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Upcoming Events
<p>World Mission Sunday, Today: We can be part of the Church's missionary work around the world through our prayers and support. Your generosity will help make a faith-filled difference. <i>Please make checks out to The Propagation of the Faith.</i></p> <p>November 5: Please remember to set your clocks back one hour, to Standard Time.</p> <p>November 5: Family Mass on all reservations.</p> <p>What You Don't Know About the Prayers You Pray: You would be amazed to know the meaning behind the common prayers that we pray, such as Our Father, Hail Mary, Nicene Creed, and Gloria. We will take a look at the Biblical, historical, and cultural meaning to each of these prayers. If you have a favorite prayer, let Ed know so that it can be discussed in these sessions. Coming in early November.</p>

Schedules for Upcoming Holy Days



Wednesday, Nov. 1 – All Saints Day Mass: 8:00 AM, Barona.



Thursday, Nov. 2 – All Souls Day Mass and Grave Blessing

11:00 AM	Viejas
Noon	Conejos
4:00 PM	Sycuan
6:30 PM	Barona

From the Pastor's Desk

Many of us have been affected in some way by the increasing threats of danger almost constantly pointed in our direction during the last year. It has not mattered whether we turned on the television or radio, whether we picked up a newspaper or magazine, all of them seem bent on increasing our anxiety level. All seemed intent on bringing us to accept that it was only security measures which would reduce our anxiety. Yet, despite all of the words and actions echoing around us we do not know if the threats are for real or not. So should we be anxious or not? We certainly have no idea if the security measures will bring about any less anxiety, because many of them pit us against one another, making us trusting no one who looks different from ourselves. We have also often heard our government threaten others, bringing an increasing level of anxiety to people in other lands, too. Our world seems bent on raising anxiety to as high a level as it can, almost in hope of pushing us to react for some bit of security, albeit unreal.

On the other hand, today we read from Paul's letter to the Philippians that we are to have no anxiety at all. Sure, no anxiety, no fear! Where have these words been the last 12 months? Paul has not seen our evening news lately. So, would he still write this? I believe the answer is yes and probably with more emphasis and urgency.

I am not sure we can achieve Paul's sense of internal peace now. Somehow, we must struggle with the fact that the Lord tells us fear is useless, that we need to trust, even while all around us move to higher levels of anxiety. So, how can we come to be without fear? Paul tells us that prayer and petition to God will help us achieve internal peace. He does not say the reason for the anxiety will go away, but that we can come to live with it all around us through prayer and attitude. This is important, for anxiety and fear push us further

into ourselves, further into our own safety net, often making us more likely to lash out. We need the peace, we need lower anxiety levels if we are to value life in ourselves and others.

Paul borrows from the Greek wisdom of his time. He borrows some common sense virtues which help us to know peace and lower anxiety. They give us both specific and general clues of how to live. His list says to think about what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, excellent, and worthy of praise. Just reading the list almost draws one to peace. These values are inherent values for all people.

On this Celebrating Life Sunday I want to take the common wisdom of ancient days and use it to talk about humanity today, about the beauty of all life. Might Paul have said the following? We are called to know it is true that from conception the infant is fully human. It is honorable to bring children into the world even in anxious times. It is just to treat every child well. It is pure to treat every human well for all the years of any person's life, even the sickly last years or months. It is lovely to war against no innocent persons, perhaps especially those who would be destroyed in nuclear wars or who are today maimed by land mines of recent conflicts. It is gracious to treat even murderers with mercy. It is excellent and worthy of praise to value all of life. In being true and honorable and just and all the other sensible virtues of the stoics of long ago, we can find ourselves being a People of Life and a People for Life.

May we have learned from our anxiety that it is harmful not only to us, but to how we value or devalue others. We may, indeed be tired of living as anxious people, wanting to be free from "undue anxiety" as we are reminded in the prayer following the Lord's Prayer in the Eucharistic celebration.

Our gracious God has treated us with the gift of common sense virtues even the Stoics understood without the input of the followers of Jesus. How much more we are able to take them when we can see them in the Gospel life, in our shared Eucharist. Just how might we leave here today, enriched in and by the Word and the Eucharist? We go forth as a People of Life and For Life, a people called to habits of life, to be beacons in the midst of anxiety and threats. We go forth to bring what we become in Eucharist to a troubled and troubling world. Touch someone this week whose life has seldom experienced truth, love, honesty.



*The LORD is
my light and
my salvation;
whom shall I fear?*

PSALM 27:1, NRSV