

Weekend of July 20 & 21, 2019
Sixteenth 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: 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, 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, Steve and Vera Tucker, Helen Cadiente, 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, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Judy Robinson

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – July 21, 2019

Weekend masses:

Sunday, 8:00 Barona – Mel and Buddy Curo

Sunday, 10:00 Viejas – Community of Viejas

Sunday, 12:00 Sycuan – Community of Sycuan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Sycuan: Grades K-8, Class meet at 11:00 a.m. before Sunday Mass upon request **Note:** Please contact Beverly (619-729-9721) to schedule a meeting for religious education

classes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 15, 2019 -- Barona, Feast of the Assumption and Holy Day, 6:30 PM mass

Saturday, September 7, 2019 -- 80th Anniversary of the Viejas Mission Church. All are Invited to Celebrate this great event. 6:30 PM mass.

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Jesus desires that we, like his friend Mary, would spend time in his presence. Take time regularly to be with Jesus and listen to his living word.

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YOUTH CONFIRMATION:

Requirements: For those baptized in another parish, a baptismal certificate is required. Youth must be enrolled in parish youth confirmation program for two years. Service hours and attendance at the Confirmation retreat or at special workshops are required. Youth must sign a commitment pledge. Sponsors must attend certain sessions and the rehearsal.

Additional Information: Youth are confirmed between their sophomore and senior years. Parents should contact Edward Nolan. Only one sponsor, of the same gender as the youth, is required.

ADULT CONFIRMATION:

Requirements: For those baptized in another parish, a baptismal certificate is required.

Additional Information: Those over age 18 who have not been confirmed should contact Edward Nolan, to begin preparing for this sacrament. Classes begin in August. Confirmation is in the spring of each year.

OPEN HANDS

Loving God, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Fill our hearts with a compassion like your own that we may faithfully serve you by responding to the needs of those whom it would be easy for us to forget. In this and every land, break down the barriers of ignorance, indifference and greed, that the multitudes that hunger may share your bounty.

Amen.

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Prayer and Work and Judging Others A reflection on the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Well, we heard the famous story of Martha and Mary so many times. So, Martha asks a great question. After all, someone has to take care of all the logistics. So, does Jesus care that Mary is neglecting all the “work” associated with hosting a large group in their home? NO, he doesn’t. He doesn’t say it in so many words, but he is not about to recommend to Mary that she help serve the drinks.

Jesus doesn’t care about what Martha wants Mary to do. Jesus cares about MARTHA. “Martha, Martha ... just relax a minute here ... I cannot make Mary help you because you think that’s what Mary should be doing; what I can do, though, is love you right here, right now. I am with you here. You have no control over what

Mary chooses to do. All you can do is love her and love me.”

This Gospel is not just about prayer and work. Prayer is ultimately more important than work; both must be valued in our lives. But this Gospel is also about our inclination to judge others, about our asking God to take sides. Haven’t we prayed like Martha ... “Dear Lord, help my neighbor to be just like me so I won’t be bothered so much.” The bottom line is: God does not care at all about our judgments of others. God cares about us.

Martha has a good point. Have you ever gone to someone’s home for a dinner party only to find the host totally preoccupied with another guest and not at all interested in you. You have to find your own glass, fix your own drink, prepare the meal, and serve yourself because the person who invited you has not taken the time or the energy to acknowledge you exist. This would never happen.

I am sure; too, you have found yourself on the other side of that picture. After a long week of work or wrestling with difficult issues at home, you think to yourself: “Why did we schedule this BBQ for this Saturday?” You do the shopping, clean the house, prepare the appetizers, and you are totally exhausted before any of the guests arrive. You would love nothing more than to relax in your favorite chair, but instead you have to muster the energy to greet all your guests as they arrive and see to their needs while they are in your home. It’s hard to be a gracious host sometimes.

What if Martha also chose the better part? What if they both sat at Jesus feet? What about the other guests? Are they not also important?

And if we are to be like God, to live in God’s image, then perhaps we can care less about WHAT we think others should do and care more about others. Let’s love one another into freedom instead of judging one another into fear.

Mary and
Martha

