

*Weekend of July 1 & 2,  
2017*

*13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary*

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Mass Schedule
<p><b>Barona:</b>  <b>Daily Rosary and Mass:</b> Wednesday through Friday.                      Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM.  <b>Weekends:</b> Saturday, 5:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM.  <b>Confessions:</b> Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 PM  <b>Adoration:</b> 1st Thurs. of the month (6:00 PM) and 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).  <b>Viejás:</b>  <b>Weekends:</b> Sunday, 10:00 AM.</p> <p><b>Confessions:</b> By appointment.  <b>Sycuan:</b>  <b>Weekends:</b> Sunday, Noon.  <b>Confessions:</b> By appointment</p>



Gilbert Rodriguez, Tom Hyde, Elijah Diaz (Bear), Carol Lane, Anita Curo, Sue Kierig, Bob & 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, Evelyn McCormick, Daniel Vicaldo, Toddy Yeats, Caroline Mendoza, Ruiz Family, Cash Osuna-Sutton

**Please check prayer list and add names as desired.**

Mass Intentions – July 2, 2017	
Weekend Masses:	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	John and Dora Curo
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

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

**Lectors Needed:** Please sign up to be a lector. It is an important ministry within the Mass.

**Upcoming Events**

**Saturday, July 8, Conejos:** Mass at noon, followed by grave blessings and potluck.

**Peter's Pence Collection - Be a witness of charity.**

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 back of the church. Please be generous.

**Weekend of Saturday, July 1 and Sunday, July 2 - Mission Sunday:** Father Don O'Connor, SVD, a missionary from the Divine Word Society, will share his missionary experience with us and ask us to support our brothers and sisters who are in need of your financial assistance. Please be generous.

**Come Celebrate!**

**Friday, July 14:** Bishop McElroy will be celebrating Mass at 6:00 PM at Sycuan in honor of the rededication of the church after extensive renovations, the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Parish, and the Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Mass will be followed by dinner.

**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

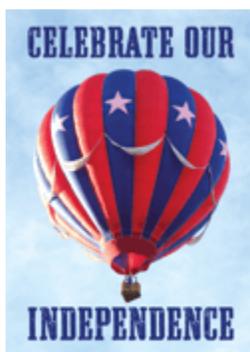
Aid us to work for peace, to take the first step in ending bitterness, to be the first to hold out our hands in friendship and forgiveness.

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.

--Benedictine Daily Prayer

*Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!*



### *FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK*

"Anyone who does not take up his (or her) cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me". Those are powerful words—powerful words indeed. Does Jesus really mean that we are to prefer Him over our own loved ones or we're not worthy of Him? I think that this is what He's telling us. True Christianity comes at a great cost. To be a true Christian leaves no 'wobble room' for self-centeredness. You know, the 'Look out for #1' philosophy. True Christianity costs.

We've all heard the phrase, "you get what you pay for". Well then, beware of cheap religion. Beware of any religion that comes across as soft and easy—the religions that basically say, "Go ahead and do your own thing as long as you are being true to yourself". Whaaaaaat? Beware of religions where the cost of following Christ is never mentioned and where your consciences are never challenged or disturbed. Cheap religion will only wrap you in tales of God's love but will never tell you that that same fire of love must burn all of our self-centeredness out of us. There are too many religions today that only give one side of the story—God's love—and not the other side—our responsibility to follow Him in the way that He wants us to. Go to the funeral of the biggest crook on the face of the earth and you are likely to hear some comforting

eulogy on how he/she was true to his/her conscience or some other pious piffle.

There is a true story told of 2 African-American brothers who lived in the South during the 50s and 60s. One brother, Robert, became a noted lawyer and politician. The other brother, Clarence, got involved in inter-racial work—not exactly a popular occupation in those days. If you remember, tension between blacks and whites was very high. People were staging sit-ins and marched down city streets. Police used dogs and fire hoses to disperse the protesters.

Eventually Clarence's work got him into trouble and he turned to his brother for legal help. And Robert wouldn't help him. What shocked Clarence most of all was that both of them had committed their lives to Christ together. After confronting Robert about why he wouldn't help him, Robert defended himself saying, "Clarence, I do follow Jesus, but only up to a point. I follow Him up to the cross, but not on the cross. I'm not getting myself crucified". Clarence looked at his brother and said, "Robert, you're not a follower of Jesus. You're only an admirer of His".

We can all relate to Robert's feelings, can't we? After all, there are times in our lives when our commitment to Christ is tested to the breaking point too. Some hardship or tragedy hits us and we are tempted not to pick up our cross and follow Jesus. For example:

It's hard for an elderly person to pick up their cross and follow Jesus after they have just been forcefully put into a nursing home.

It's hard for a wife and mother of 4 children to pick up her cross and follow Jesus after hearing her husband tell her that he's leaving her for a younger woman—a woman who really understands him and makes him feel young again.

All of us, at one time or another or in one way or another have had to bear our crosses. Why do some of us come out on the other end of our trials more miserable than before and some of us come out more Christ-like—more beautiful? To me, the answer has to do with how we see Jesus. Are we followers of Him or only admirers?

If we are only admirers, we'll become bitter and hopeless people when things don't go our way. St. Teresa of Avila had a great quote for these types of people. "Lord, spare me from sour-faced saints". Now, if, on the other hand, we are true followers of Jesus, we will realize that all of our trials and tribulations, no matter how awful they may be, can and will bring us closer to God, if we'll only put away our self-centeredness. If we do this, i.e. realize that, as one door closes, another one will open, we'll gain a deeper appreciation of our authentic needs and wants and put away all of our useless and transitory desires.

In my own life experiences, the door that usually opens for me is the one that will bring me closer to Christ. And, in the big picture, that's really the only one that counts. Remember that people learn about God, not because they figure out the Trinity or what the Vatican is doing or because they can read the New Testament in the original Greek. No, people learn about God from Godlike people—people who pick up their crosses every day and do their best to follow Jesus. All of us can be God to someone—someone who will remember what God is like because they remember what we are like—that we are followers of Jesus—not admirers.

*Embrace your Cross*