

Weekend of May 26 & 27, 2018
The Most Holy Trinity

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 – May 27, 2018

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM Darrell and Roni Romero

Doreen Romero-Ford

Sunday, 10:00 AM Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon Debra Paquin

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

“Go and make disciples of all nations!” Our lives must proclaim the Truth that comes to us from

Christ, embrace the call to be a witness of Christ to the ends of the world!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Grave Blessing, Sycuan: Saturday, June 9, 11:00 AM mass followed by grave blessing and meal

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.

**79th National Tekakwitha Conference
July 18-22, 2018
Tacoma, Washington**

The Tekakwitha Conference is a Roman Catholic institution that supports Christian ministry among Native Americans, primarily through its annual meeting. The Tekakwitha Conference began in 1939, when Bishop Aloisius Joseph Muench of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fargo convened 27 missionaries and three Native American laymen to discuss their pastoral concerns about Northern Plains native communities, in what became an annual event. In 1940, its participants named the meeting, the Tekakwitha Conference in honor of Kateri Tekakwitha. At the annual meetings, priests, religious brothers and guest speakers involved in region discussed concerns ranging from reservation life and Catholic schools, in the 1940s and 1950s to urban relocation, native customs in Catholic worship, native deacons, and native self-determination, in the 1960s and 1970s. Prior to 1977, it is believed that attendance at annual meeting remained less than 100 persons. You may visit website www.tekconf.org for more information.

Memorial Day Prayer

God of power and mercy,
You destroy war and put down earthly pride.

Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our
tears,
That we may all deserve to be called your sons and
daughters.
Keep in your mercy those men and women who have
died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Faith is the Key to Understanding the Most Holy Trinity A reflection on Trinity Sunday

This Sunday we gather as a community of faith to celebrate one of the great solemnities of the liturgical year. We celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, the fundamental mystery, the most important of all of the mysteries, of our Catholic Christian faith. This celebration is, in essence, the “feast day” of God, the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is a profound mystery that is difficult to fathom. We can only begin to study it if we have faith. Any human mind, however knowledgeable it might be, is too small to comprehend the immensity of this mystery. The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is impossible for our minds to understand. Because of this, we can only accept it if we have faith. Without faith it is practically impossible to do so.

We invoke the Most Holy Trinity, the central mystery of the Church, continuously throughout the Eucharistic liturgy. From the beginning of Mass, when we make the Sign of the Cross in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, until the final Trinitarian blessing, the Holy Trinity listens to our prayers and petitions and blesses us. Our prayers in the Mass are continually directed to God the Father, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. And it is in the Holy Mass that we Christians begin to understand, more clearly, a little more about the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.

During the Holy Mass, the priest offers to the Father the bread and wine that will be transformed, through

the action of the Holy Spirit, into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior. The invocation of the Holy Spirit during the Eucharistic Prayers during every mass assures us that the holy and pure sacrifice of Our Lord will be acceptable to God the Father. In reality, the presence of the Holy Trinity in all of the sacraments is what guarantees that these will be fountains of divine grace. In one constant movement our prayers and petitions ascend to the one Trinitarian God from whom divine grace descends to us.

It is only through great effort and faith that we can begin to penetrate the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Without faith, it is impossible. Some people think that it isn't worth the effort. They say that God should be less complicated. And instead of believing in God “as is” they try to create, on their own, a God in their own image, a God that is simpler and more understandable. To these people we can only say that they should think about what we have already stated: without faith, believing is very difficult. And faith comes from the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will introduce us into the great mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.

There are also people who say, “God is very distant. God never listens.” And they prefer, even though it is at great risk to their own souls, to separate themselves from God and the Church. Looking for a God that they cannot find they leave our Catholic Church. Having belonged to the only Church that contains the fullness of faith they go from one ecclesial community to another, looking for a God to their liking and denying the existence of the Most Holy Trinity. After a long search many of them find that they have come up empty because they have been looking for someone that is impossible to find outside of the great mystery of the Holy Trinity.

Faith does not spring from the mind; it comes from the heart. Because of this it has always been said that the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is a question of faith and not of knowledge. We have to approach this great dogma of faith with the heart and not with the mind. We should first recognize it is the starting point for all truth that has been revealed to humanity over the centuries and the font of all supernatural grace.

We Christians begin our lives receiving the sacrament of Baptism in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. During our lives we receive

all of the sacraments in this same way. And in this same name we bid farewell to this world. And when we pass from this earth, if we have tried during our life to get close to the Three Persons in One God, when we arrive in heaven we will encounter the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and we will abide in their presence forever.

