

Weekend of September 22 & 23, 2018
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, Mae Guerrero

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – September 23, 2018

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
 SCHEDULE**

Barona : Classes will begin Thursday, Sept. 20 At 2:45 and 4:00 PM. High School classes will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Important note: Parents are required to register the

children to attend classes.

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

If we want to be great, we must serve others. How can you best serve others? You can make a difference with your life.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 14 – Children’s Mass

**Saturday, October 20 – Brother Ed’s 50th
 Anniversary Mass and Dinner Celebration**

**Wednesday, October 31 – All Saints Vigil Mass,
 6:00 PM - Sycuan**

**Thursday, November 1 – All Saints Day Mass, 8:00
 AM – Barona**

**Friday, November 2 – All Souls Mass and Grave
 Blessing, 11:00 AM – Viejas, 12:00 PM – Conejos
 4:00 PM – Sycuan, 6:30 PM - Barona**

Sunday, November 4 – Children’s Mass

Prayer by Pope Francis to the Young People

Lord Jesus,

In journeying towards the Synod, your Church turns her attention to all the young people of the world. We pray that they might boldly take charge of their lives, aim for the most beautiful and profound things of life and always keep their hearts unencumbered.

Accompanied by wise and generous guides, help them respond to the call you make to each of them, to realize a proper plan of life and achieve happiness. Keep their hearts open to dreaming great dreams and make them concerned for the good of others.....

May they be witnesses to your Resurrection and be aware that you are at their side as they joyously proclaim you as Lord. Amen.



Brother Ed Nolan 50th Anniversary in Ministry Mass and
Dinner celebration

When: Saturday, October 20, 2018

Time: 5:00 PM Mass at Church, then
Dinner at Barona Golf Event Center

Please rsvp to Fr. Herman Manuel, SVD or Sandy (619-249-3143) and indicate number of attendees. Thank you.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Respect to Children and Lowly People A reflection of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

One evening, the whole family went out to dinner at a local restaurant. Everyone got a menu, even the youngest, Molly, who was 8 years old. Since the conversation was an 'adult' one, Molly sat there ignored. When the waiter took their orders, he came to Molly last.

"And, what would you like to eat, young lady?" he asked. Molly answered, "I will have a hamburger, French fries and a large Root Beer".

"No", said her mother. "She will have a small salad with low fat dressing, baked chicken, carrots and boiled rice". "And milk to drink", chimed in her father.

The waiter looked at Molly and asked, "Would you like catsup or mustard on your hamburger"? She said, "Catsup with some fried onions on top please. Oh, and put a very small piece of lettuce on top to please my parents. Thank you very much".

As the waiter walked away to place the order, Molly turned toward her family and said, "You know what? He thinks I am real".

How many of us have heard (or even used) the phrase, "Children should be seen and not heard"? If we think about it, that phrase-children should be seen and not heard-is very demeaning because it shows kids to be of no or very little worth. And, that is just the opposite of how Jesus saw little children.

He saw children as people-as real-who are to be loved and respected as much as any adult. To be sure, Jesus was not naïve about children. He knew that children already contain all of the ingredients of sin. These ingredients are mainly dormant, to be sure, but they are still there. To bring it up to today, how many parents have ever had to teach their children to do wrong?!

Many of us tend to evaluate people in terms of the job they do. We tend to look up to doctors, lawyers, priests, bankers, etc. while we don't exactly admire janitors, garbage collectors or used car dealers. That is both unfair and silly, isn't it? All people are worthy of our respect, regardless of what they do for a living. After all, the human being is far more important than the job they have.

So, when Jesus in today's Gospel, asks His disciples what they were discussing, all they could do was to be quiet. They knew that Jesus respected everyone, not just the people whom the 'world' respects.

Here was Jesus, their leader, on His last journey towards Jerusalem and death and all the disciples could discuss was who was going to be the greatest among them in heaven. After hearing this, Jesus must have wanted to pull out whatever hair He had left out of frustration. Three years of teaching and loving them, and all they got out of it was this-class superiority! Give me a break!!

How often must Jesus have told His disciples that the kingdom of heaven was not about seeking honor and glory and power for oneself, but it was about serving others? If they were prepared to serve others, then and only then could they have a top place in His kingdom.

But, you know most likely the people in the top spots in heaven will not be sitting in soft chairs sipping the drink of their choice. Most likely, they will be on their knees with a wash basin of water in one hand and a towel in the other, washing the feet of 'the little ones'-the weakest-the children of our community.

I will finish with a true story from South Africa I heard. Several years ago, a black African man was standing outside of a post office, when a white man, a judge, approached him and asked civil rights, it was quite common for a white person to ask a black person to perform a chore or two. This time, however, the black man refused to help the white man.

"Do you know who I am?" asked the judge, his face turning red with anger. The black man answered, "No, I do not know who you are. It is not necessary to know who you are because I know what you are".

So, what about you, what are you? Are you a Catholic who truly follows Jesus? I hope so because all of us will have to answer to Christ someday.

