

Weekend of September 8 & 9, 2018
 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule
<p>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</p>



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, Susanna

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – September 9, 2018	
Weekend Masses:	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Charlie and Gene Curo
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.

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

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 Ask God to open your ears to hear his call. May he also free your tongue to proclaim the good news. Consider serving God as a priest, brother, or sister.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 23 – Children’s Mass – Mark Price will be preaching.

Sunday, October 14 – Children’s Mass

Sunday, November 4 – Children’s Mass

Religious Education Teachers in Barona, Viejas & Sycuan

We are in need of teachers for K-8 and we need a teacher for the high school students for religious education. Contact Fr. Herman or Brother Ed if interested or if you have any questions.

Reminder

Brother Ed Nolan will be on vacation for the month of September.

PSALM

GOD always does what he says—
 he defends the wronged,
 he feeds the hungry.
 GOD frees prisoners—
 he gives sight to the blind,
 he lifts up the fallen.
 GOD loves good people, protects strangers,
 takes the side of orphans and widows,
 but makes short work of the wicked.
 GOD’s in charge—*always*.
 Zion’s God is God for good!
 Hallelujah!

Psalms 146:6C-7, 8-9a- 9b-10

Save the date!

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

When: Saturday, October 20, 2018

Where: Barona Clubhouse

Time: 5:00 PM Mass, Dinner to follow

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 9, 2018

After a golden wedding anniversary Mass, the 85-year-old husband looked at his 84-year-old wife who was practically deaf and beamed: "I'm proud of you." The wife became angry and replied: "I'm also tired of you!"

He repeated himself, "No, I said 'I'm proud of you.'" And the wife shot back: "I told you. I'm also tired of you!"

How difficult it is to be deaf. More so to be both deaf and mute as this 23rd Sunday gospel relates.

That's why the Lord, out of compassion, heals a deaf-mute man.

In his commentary on the episode, Biblical author William Barclay says, "Most people find deaf folks a nuisance. They sympathize with people who are blind and lame, but they get irritated and annoyed with people who are deaf. And the result is that deaf people are apt to avoid company and get more and more shut in."

The great compassion of Jesus tells us more in the way He cured him. The gospel tells us that Jesus took the man away from the crowd, which shows His sensitivity to the situation of the embarrassed handicapped man.

"Deaf mutes" are not only the people handicapped in speech and hearing as in the gospel story, but also the social deaf-mutes – those who have no voice or influence in society, those to whom no one listens. Helping them is one way of thanking God for the great gifts of our speech and hearing which, more often than not, we take for granted.

Another way of being grateful is to use these faculties as God intended. We abuse our speech faculty by lying, by calumny or slander, or when we destroy the

good name of others through false rumors. Bear in mind. An ugly rumor or a destructive gossip that's carelessly passed on, can never be recalled.

This is illustrated by the story of a town gossip who was given a strange penance by a priest to bring up a building a bag full of feathers, then throw them in the air. Much as she wanted to collect the feathers, she could no longer do it because they've been scattered by the wind to the four geographical corners. We may regret a destructive gossip, but like the strewn feathers, we can never take it back. And the harm is done.

Finally, are we deaf-mute to our faults and wrongdoings? The story is told about a priest inside the confessional box hearing the confession of his altar server. After confiding his sins, the priest thought he forgot to confess some "big" ones so he said, "You forgot to mention that you took money from the collection box and drank Mass wine in the sacristy." Complete silence followed. The priest went out of the confessional and said, "Hey, why don't you answer. Can't you hear anything?" "Not a single word, Father!" the altar server replied. "Okay, let's exchange places. Talk and I'll listen," the priest said.

In a solemn voice, the altar server began, "Father, why are you not giving me a break, a gift and my allowance?" The priest rushed out and said, "You're right. I cannot hear anything from that side!"

This is just a joke but it conveys the lesson: More often than not, we are deaf to our own faults. As much as possible we do not want to admit our mistakes and wrongdoings. So, let's ask ourselves: Are we moved by pity to reach out to our handicapped brothers and sisters or more by annoyance? Are we grateful to God for our healthy speech and hearing and show it by helping the handicapped?

Are we deaf to our own faults and failings? As Jesus' disciples, let's imitate His compassion.

Fr. Bel San Luis, SVD

They were astounded beyond measure, saying,



"He has done **EVERYTHING** well;
he even makes the deaf to **HEAR**
and the mute to **SPEAK.**"

Mark 7:37, NRSV