

Weekend of August 4 & 5, 2018
Eighteenth 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
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – August 5, 2018

Weekend Masses:	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	John and Dora Curo
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

**We are challenged today to seek what will last.
 Give Jesus, the Bread of Life, your priority and
 you will always be satisfied.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 9 – Viejas reservation, Becoming a Catholic sessions at 5:00 PM, Kateri Hall. 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. Baptized Catholics must bring a baptismal certificate. Those over age 18 should contact Ed Nolan, to begin preparations.

Saturday, August 11 – Viejas reservation, Anniversary mass and gravestone blessing for Gina TeSam at 10 AM.

Wednesday, August 15 – Barona, Feast Day of Assumption at 6:30 PM mass followed by dinner

Thursday, August 23 – 5:30 PM, Religious Education Teacher Appreciation dinner, spouses are welcome. Hacienda Casa Blanca restaurant, 700 N. Johnson Avenue, El Cajon.

Religious Education Teachers in Barona

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.

Prayer for Refugees and Victims of War

Lord God,
 No one is a stranger to you
 And no one is ever far from your loving care.
 In your kindness, watch over refugees and
 victims of war,
 Those separated from their loved ones,

young people who are lost,
and those who have left home or who have
run away from home.
Bring them back safely to the place where
they long to be
And help us always to show your kindness
To strangers and to all in need.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Last Sunday we heard from the Gospel how Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread to feed some 5000 people. Not only did all these lucky people get to eat their fill, but afterwards there were enough leftovers to fill some seven baskets! Talk about a bonanza!

It is no wonder then that these people kept hanging around Jesus. In today's gospel passage, we find them still running after Jesus, looking for more. They even went around to the other side of the sea of Galilee "looking for Jesus". When he saw them, he told them straight out: You people are just looking for the kind of bread that will fill your bellies, but I have something better for you. I have the kind of food that will give you not just physical, earthly life, but eternal life.

Jesus knew that they were looking for more food, that they were hungry. But in today's gospel passage Jesus is talking about is another kind of hunger, the kind that affects or can affect all of us human beings. That hunger is spiritual – the kind that no physical food can satisfy. Only Jesus can begin to satisfy it, whatever its origins, whatever its symptoms or signs.

Sometimes it is a hunger for truth, and in Jesus we find truth. He himself declared: I am the way and the truth and the life. Sometimes it is a hunger for life, and in Jesus alone we find life. Again we have his solemn promise: "I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly. Sometimes it is a hunger for love, and in Jesus we discover the kind of love that outlasts and conquers sin and death. Our

hungry hearts will find satisfaction and rest only in Jesus.

But back to the Gospel story. Note that after Jesus chided the Jews for looking only for food that perishes, they had a question for him: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" I wonder if they expected Jesus to lay down a list of things for them to do, actions they were to perform. That is not what Jesus had in mind., Listen to his reply: This is the work of God, that you BELIEVE in the one he sent."

In other words, according to Jesus, the one work which God desires of us is faith. What does having faith mean here? I think it means first of all, that we seek to have with God a kind of relationship and realization, that we are his friends, and that he is our father. We should realize that we need not be terrified of him anymore, but rather that can we trust him, knowing that he wants us to try to repay his love for us with our own deep love for him. And if we have failed him in any way, we must also realize that God wants nothing more than to forgive the repentant sinner and to give him or her a new direction in life.

The basic truth about God — as revealed to us by Jesus — can be stated in three short but sweet sentences. First, God is love! Therefore, in our lives there must be love and service for others corresponding to our love and service of God. There must also be forgiveness, corresponding to the kind of forgiveness we ourselves have received from God.

Second, God is holiness! Therefore, we too must make a serious effort to be holy, to be righteous, to be devoted, to be – dare I say it? – pious and prayerful. We must try to remember that Jesus once said: Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Third, God is Wisdom! Therefore, in our lives there must always be complete submission to his will, and complete trust on our part, based on the assurance that God in his wisdom wants only what is best for us.

This kind of relationship with God, this kind of service, goodness and trust on our part is

possible only through Jesus. But here is the best part of the story: Jesus is not only willing to help us, he has promised to help us. He does this by giving us himself. His help comes to us in the form of bread, bread which gives life, the true bread that comes down from heaven as he did. Of course this heavenly bread is the Holy Eucharist, Holy Communion we call it, from which we draw courage and power, resolve and strength, and above all the grace to persevere until the end of our life here on earth and the beginning of eternal bliss in heaven...

