

Weekend of Nov. 11 @

12, 2017

32nd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Mass Schedule

Barona:

Daily Rosary and Mass: Wednesday 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, Lourdes Adora, Donna Berardi, Secora Nelson, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Gabe Dowell, Diana Pico, Clayton Curo, Bobby Malibago, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – Nov. 12, 2017

Weekend Masses:

Barona: Classes for Grades K – 8 at Barona meet on Thursdays, at 2:30 and 3:30. **Please note: there will be no classes on Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving!).**

Viejas: Classes meet on Wednesdays, 3:30, Kateri Hall.

Sycuan: Classes meet at 11:00 AM Sunday mornings in the church.

Upcoming Events

What You Don't Know About the Prayers You

Pray: You would be amazed to know the meaning behind the common prayers that we pray, such as Our Father, Hail Mary, Nicene Creed, and Gloria. We will take a look at the Biblical, historical, and cultural meaning to each of these prayers. If you have a favorite prayer, let Ed know so that it can be discussed in these sessions. Sessions will meet in Ed Nolan's office on Mondays at 6:30 PM (Nov. 13 and 27, Dec. 4, 11, and 18). **Please note: we will not meet on Nov. 20.**

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

INFANT BAPTISM:

We are happy that you have chosen to have your child Baptized. Here are some of the requirements that we would like you to be aware of.

Requirements: Parents and godparents must attend one preparation session. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics, according to Church regulations.

Additional Information: Parents should be attending Mass regularly. They should see Edward Nolan or Father Herman to schedule the preparation session. The date for the Baptism will be set at this time. Only one godparent, of the same gender as the child, is required.



To be with us in times of joy and sorrow,
To help us in days of need,
And to rejoice with us in moments of celebration..

Father,
We praise You for Your Son Jesus,
Who knew the happiness of family and friends,
And in the love of Your Holy Spirit.
Blessed are you for ever and ever. Amen.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Boy Scouts have a motto with which many people are familiar: **Be Prepared**.

Be Prepared is the motto that Jesus is telling all of us that we must have. This is the point of the parable in today's gospel reading.

I still remember way back in the Philippines when my uncle from Salinas here in the US. came for his vacation to our place at the northern part of the Philippines, Ilocos Norte. I was still in grade school. It was during the typhoon system. Well, at the time of his visit there was a typhoon alert and it was Signal No. 3. Hence, we all went up to the third floor of our house (our house had 3 floors). After being up there for a while, my uncle said he was going to bed. He was tired and he wasn't going to wait to see what would happen. Being a faithful Catholic in his whole life, he **was prepared** for meeting his Savior and wasn't going to let the possibility of a typhoon interfere with his sleep time, just in case he was going to be getting up in the morning.

Being prepared is important no matter how old we are. Being ready isn't just for old people. Just read or listen to the news about people who die unexpectedly in car and motorcycle accidents every day. We do not know when our end time will be. The question is not "when is it?" The question is, "**are we prepared** to wait and be ready?"

In the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Gospel, we hear Jesus say, "stay awake, for you know neither the day

nor the hour, nor the day, nor the night, nor even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." And, St. Paul tells us in the second reading, "For you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night."

Well, I think that we all get the message: We do not know when our own end time will be. The only thing we can do is to **be prepared** for whenever it happens.

Today's gospel reading is a parable. Parables are an interesting way of telling a story so that people will remember it. It is important to remember at least two other things about a parable. First, a parable makes a single point. Today that point is that we must **be prepared** no matter how long we have to wait. The parable is not about some of the virgins sharing with the others. What is required for entrance to the Lord's banquet cannot be loaned or given by another. It must be procured by oneself. The second thing about a parable: it is not about somebody else; it is about *us*. So, Jesus is calling *us* to conversion and reform!

So, how do we reform? How do we **prepare**? The gospel tells us that the virgins with the extra oil were "wise." Wise means being prudent or sensible. The first reading tells us that we can find Wisdom if we seek her. Wisdom is more than knowledge—it is practical or useful knowledge. Therefore, if we understand the main point of the parable and also are wise, we are called to examine our lives. Real wisdom tells us that to prepare we must order our lives; we must set priorities. And, God must be first!

Once our priorities are in the right order, we have the opportunity to fine-tune them for the rest of our lives. We must realize that God is in control of our lives, not us. We must become less self-centered. Allowing God to be more and more in control is not easy and is a life-long process.

Being prepared is nothing new; we do it all the time in the secular world. What good is a left-behind life jacket on a sinking boat? What if we begin a trip to a foreign country without a passport? How can we begin to prepare for an exam when the test is today?

If the second coming of Jesus were to take place on our way home from Mass, what is one way that we would be caught off guard and not be prepared to meet the God who has been waiting for us and loves us so very much?

