

Weekend of November 17 & 18, 2018
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Barona:

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, 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 Gotell, Stephen Nolan

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – November 18, 2018

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM Mel and Buddy Curo

Sunday, 10:00 AM Community of Viejas

Sunday, Noon Community of Sycuan

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
 SCHEDULE**

Barona : Grades K-8: Class meets on Thursday, 2:45 p.m. and 4:00 pm

High School: – Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

NOTE: There will be no classes on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018 – Thanksgiving Day!

Sycuan: Grades K-8, Class meet at 10:30 a.m. before Sunday Mass

High school Confirmation class, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 22 – No bible study – Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 22 – Thanksgiving Day mass, 8:00 AM in Barona

Tuesday, November 27 - #GIVECATHOLIC online giving event, for more information please go to igivecatholic.org

Sunday, December 2 – Children’s Mass

Collection for National Needs

November 17-18, 2018

This collection supports the Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Communication Campaign, Catholic University of America and Catholic Home Missions Envelopes will be in the back of the church. Your generosity is appreciated.



Blessed are you, Creator God, for sending the sun that warms the fields,

Blessed are you, God of Work, for strengthening the hands that harvest the crops:

Blessed are you, God of work, for guiding the way of those who deliver the yield:

Blessed are you, giver of Life, for inspiring the cooks with imagination and love:

Blessed are you, Giver of Life, for feeding us with the love of family and friends:

We give you thanks, loving god, for all these good gifts and bless you for the food we are about to receive. Let the sharing of our lives and the feasting at this table be a foretaste of the joy of your heavenly banquet. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

IS THE END OF THE WORLD NEAR and WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

A reflection on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November is a transition time of year. Trees have lost their leaves, yet winter is not yet come. Things are quiet; a good time to think about endings. In the gospel, Christ asks us to think about the death of the world – the day when the sun will be darkened, the moon will not shed its light, stars will fall from the skies, and the son of man will come in power and glory.

It is a powerful picture. Two questions come to mind. 1) When will it happen? 2) Is it something to be afraid of? Every now and then a self-styled prophet will claim to know the exact time; but Christ was quite clear about the uncertainty of the event; “you will not know the day or the hour”, he said. “Only the father knows.”

One of the great philosopher-scientists of our day was the French priest Teilhard de Chardin. Near the end of his life, he wrote down his own theory about how and when the world will end.

This was his idea. He said that at the dawn of creation God infused into living matter a mysterious creative force which directed the evolution of all life from the tiniest primitive form through all the evolutionary stages right up to the time when men and women came into existence. At that point, he said, evolution was, for the most part, finished. But, he said, there is another type of evolution that continues to go on within living things: a mental-social evolution, the goal of which is to bring all living things closer together and closer to God. When complete and total unity of living beings with one another and with God has finally been achieved

a time he called the omega point, the point where the force of God's creative love finally unites all things to himself then, Teilhard says, the world will come to an end.

I don't know whether Teilhard is correct or not, but his theory is a fascinating one and it has captured the minds of many thinkers. Suppose for the moment that he is right. How far along the road of unity have we come? Far enough to be near the end of the world? Not from what has been happening in the world in the last few weeks. We have indeed come a long way. The development of transportation and communication has made the world a very small place. The formation of the United Nations has generated some impact on national conflicts. The common market has helped erase trade barriers; Vatican II Council has brought new understanding between Catholics and our Protestant brethren. These are all examples that demonstrate we have made some progress.

On the other hand, there is much evidence that a great deal of disunity still exists. The war between the Israelites and the Palestinians, the increasing divorce rate, the shameful racist antics of a small but significant portion of people. All these are evidences that progress toward unity in the world still has a long way to go. If Teilhard is right, the answer to our first question is: the world will not end very soon; we are still a long way from creating unity with one another and with God.

What about the 2nd question: is there anything to fear about the end of the world? Again, if Teilhard is correct, the world's end should not be seen as a great tragedy, not a cataclysm of destruction, but as a perfect & beautiful union which God intended from the time of creation. Today's entrance antiphon seems to support this view: “The Lord says: My plans for you are peace, not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you & I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.”

Whether or not Teilhard is close to the truth, it seems clear for other reasons that it is God's will that we do our part to bring about the unity of families, of communities, and of races; that we

have an obligation to do all we can to remove the barriers of distrust and suspicion in politics, in education, in religion and in the home. After all, this was the very thing that Christ prayed for at the last supper when he said: "I pray that they may be all one, Father, as you are in me and I in you." It would be appropriate today for us to ask ourselves: have we been a help or a hindrance in God's plan for unity in the world?

For the meantime, let us thank God for all the wonderful blessings that He has been giving us in our lives.

Happy Thanksgiving!!