

*Weekend of July 8 & 9,
2017*

14th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Mass Schedule
<p>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.</p> <p>Confessions: By appointment. Sycuan: Weekends: Sunday, Noon. Confessions: By appointment</p>



Gilbert Rodriguez, Tom Hyde, Elijah Diaz (Bear), Carol Lane, Anita Curo, Sue Kierig, Bob & Colleen Crowden, Ro Harrison, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Lourdes Adora, Donna Berardi, Jake Calhoun & Family, Gutierrez Family, Santos Family, Betty Peleo, Floreste Artlluga Family, Balegut Family, Secora Nelson, Evelyn McCormick, Daniel Vicaldo, Toddy Yeats, Caroline Mendoza, Ruiz Family, Cash Osuna-Sutton

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – July 9, 2017	
Weekend Masses:	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Charlie and Gene Curo
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC (RCIA)
CLASSES BEGIN IN AUGUST**

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.

Requirements: Baptized Catholics must bring a baptismal certificate.

Additional Information: Adults will make the sacraments needed in order to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Those over age 18 should contact Ed Nolan, to begin preparations for these sessions.

Lectors Needed: Please sign up to be a lector. It is an important ministry within the Mass.

Upcoming Events

Come Celebrate!

Friday, July 14: Bishop McElroy will be celebrating Mass at 6:00 PM at Sycuan in honor of the rededication of the church after extensive renovations, the 35th anniversary of our Parish, and the Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Mass will be followed by dinner.

Prayer in Honor of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

God of our ancestors, we thank you for all creation and its beauty, especially for the Native People of this great land.

Our homes and reservations have been places of refuge and welcome, solace and prayer, hope and joy.

Your people have celebrated the joy and sadness of life, by giving each other strength and comfort, and most of all by holding their faith in You above all else.

We ask our beloved Kateri Tekakwitha to intercede on our behalf, for the blessings and riches only God can bestow upon His people.

We ask Almighty God to inflame us with His love, to transform our hearts and minds, and to help us heal all wounds.

Saint Kateri, watch over us. Christ Our Savior,
redeem us.
Amen.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**“Take my yoke upon you, for my yoke is easy
and my burden light”.**

For many of us the word “yoke” has little or no meaning. Oh, we might associate it with something that is worn by horses hitched to a wagon, but many among us still wouldn't be able to point to that specific part of a hitch that is the “yoke”. But the people of Jesus' time would fully understand the meaning of a yoke. Beyond that, they would also know that a yoke was tailored to fit the specific team of oxen to be yoked....it wasn't a one size fits all, but something specifically made for the individual team of oxen, something that really fit and provided as much comfort as possible so that that team of oxen would do a maximum amount of work.

Matthew has Jesus telling us that if we take His yoke as our yoke, our burden will be tailored to our needs, no more than we can bear, yet all we will need to do our part, towards our salvation. Jesus even takes it a step forward when He says “for my yoke is easy and my burden light.” Jesus will be “yoked” to us, he will share our burden to be sure we are not overcome by the burdens of this world. The burdens upon our shoulders have been placed there by a gentle and loving master, who because of His humanness shares completely in our weakness and because of his divinity loves us so much He will bear the part of our burden that we cannot bear....that's the master who promises us rest.

In our everyday lives we regularly see examples of shared burdens and we all know that when it comes to solving problems “two heads are better than one”. Even the brightest of research scientists generally work as a team. Movers of furniture know that their jobs are best done as a team...what one cannot move or pick-up, most often two can. Husbands and wives know that when they are emotionally burdened, what seems almost impossible to handle, the two of them together can find a ray of hope or light at the end of the tunnel, even solutions that strengthen their mutual love. With Jesus as our partner we find the master and partner who promises we who are weary, rest.

It's the same gentle master who in praising His Father reminds us that what the Father has hidden from the wise and learned, that is, those who believe they know it all, those full of self-pride, will make known the knowledge of Jesus to the little ones...little ones, those who are humble enough to accept His teachings.

Who are we, you and I? Are we “know it alls” or do we remain open to Jesus' call to us every day? Are we humble enough to know we are sinners, always in need of Jesus' help in our daily lives, always in need of Jesus to overcome the ways of the world? Are we humble enough to recognize when we have sinned, humble enough to ask the Father's forgiveness? This is the challenge that faces us every day. This is the reason for each of us to set aside some quiet time each day to review what we have done with our day ... not the things that make us look good in the eyes of the world, but rather those things often unnoticed by the sinful world that we recognize as sinful. Some of the sinfulness that is known only to us, because it is sinful thoughts or kindness we have failed to do to or for others, sins that go unrecognized because “everyone is doing it”.

We need to be “little ones” those dependent upon Jesus, those who recognize their unworthiness and sinfulness.

Then in recognizing our true humble selves we can approach the altar and receive in the Eucharist the true body and blood of Jesus ... then we are fully prepared to face the world and

all of its challenges because we are then truly ...
"yoked to Jesus".

