

Weekend of Dec. 31 & Jan.
1, 2017
Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God



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, Elijah Diaz (Bear), Carol Lane, Martha Redman, Anita Curo, Dixie Necochea, Casey Olaya, Nicole Aceves, Anita Curo, Bob & Colleen Crowden, Mark Price, Donna Berardi, Diego Suarez, Osvaldo Sanchez, Barbara Huston O'Donnell, Boxie Phoenix

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – January 1

Weekend Masses:

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

Upcoming Events

2017 Calendars: Calendars for next year are in the back of the church. Please take one.

Annul Catholic Appeal: Coming in January.

January 15, 2017: Family Mass

February 5, 2017: Family Mass

March 5, 2017: Family Mass

NEW YEAR'S BLESSING PRAYER FOR CLOCKS AND CALENDARS

(Watches and calendars are placed on the table.)

Lord, You who live outside of time, and reside in the imperishable moment, we ask Your Blessing this New Year's day (eve) upon Your Gift to us of Time.

Bless our clocks and watches, You who kindly direct us to observe the passing of minutes and hours. May they make us aware of the miracle of each second of life we experience.

May these our ticking servants help us not to miss that which is Important, while You keep us from machine-like routine.

May we ever be free from being clock watchers and instead become time lovers.

Bless our calendars, these ordered lists of days, weeks and months, of holidays, holydays, fasts and feasts - all our special days of remembering.

May these servants, our calendars, once reserved for the royal few, for magi and pyramid priests, now grace our homes and our lives.

May they remind us of birthdays and other gift-days, as they teach us the secret that all life is meant for celebration and contemplation.

Bless, Lord, this New Year, each of its 365 days and nights. Bless us with full moons and new moons. Bless us with happy seasons and a long life. Grant to us, Lord, the New Year's gift of a year of love.

Religious Education Classes

Barona:

Classes for high school will resume on Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 PM.

Classes for grades K – 8 will resume on Thursday, January 12, 2:30 and 3:30 PM.

Viejas: Classes will resume on Wednesday January 11, 3:30 PM, Kateri Hall.

Thank You! We deeply appreciate all the efforts of the many people who helped with our Masses for the Christmas season. Our altar servers, our lectors, and those who decorated the churches all made a valuable contribution of time that enhanced our enjoyment of the celebrations. May God bless you!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN 7 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER (RCIA):

Requirements: Children must be enrolled in the appropriate grade level of the parish religious education program for two years. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics, according to Church regulations.

Additional Information: Parents and children should be attending Mass regularly. Children will receive Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion at the Easter Vigil or on Easter morning. Parents, godparents, and the children must attend all rites and ceremonies leading up to the reception of these sacraments. Only one godparent, of the same gender as the child, is required.

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy New Year!

Today is the octave of Christmas and in the liturgical year of the Church, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

As we celebrate in the secular world New Year's Day, the church today focuses on the divine motherhood of Mary.

The origin of this feast can be traced to the 4th and 5th centuries when discussions about the nature of

The discussion centered on the natures of Jesus, namely: human and divine.

Also included in the discussion was a title that they would like to attribute to Mary. As early as the 3rd century, Christians had been calling Mary "*theotokos*," a Greek term meaning "God-bearer."

The Church finally decided that Jesus Christ was fully God and fully human. These natures were united in one person: Jesus Christ, the son of Mary.

Thus, it was also agreed, Mary could be called "mother of God" since she gave birth to Jesus who was fully divine as well as human.

From then on, Mary has been acknowledged by Catholics and even some Protestants as the "Mother of God."

It is said that the Incarnation of the "Word" is indeed a profound mystery. In fact, Mary herself could not fathom this inestimable grace and blessing of the Lord. She only accepted the will of God for her.

This submission to the will of God made her indeed a worthy dwelling place of the Almighty, the bearer of God. By her "fiat" to God, she became the Mother of Jesus. What a privilege and great blessing she received!

As we start a New Year, may we all be like Mary in her total trust and faith in the Lord.

Let us not put our hopes on someone or something that will only give us false and ephemeral hopes in the end.

Instead, we place our entire lives in the loving and caring presence of a God who is always there for us.

He is Emmanuel, God-with-us. With Mary, we pray that the Lord will bless us this New Year and all the days of our lives. Amen.

"The holy one to be born
will be called the
Son of God."
Luke 1:35, NIV

