

Weekend of December 8 & 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent

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 – December 9, 2018

Weekend Masses:

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| Sunday, 8:00 AM | John and Dora 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

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

**PLEASE JOIN US for
 ADVENT RETREAT by Pio Estepa, SVD**

Sunday, December 9 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Monday, December 10 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Tuesday, December 11 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Sacrament of Reconciliation follows

**THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL
 Comic Surprises of an Advent God**

While Catholic churches are still singing Advent hymns, secular society is already feasting Christmas. Abounding are commercial ads that try to reinvent Christmas as a season of consumerist spree for all buyers of any creed. Yet what sustains its quasi-religious aura is the ambient replaying of traditional carols in homes, megamalls, and public media –online or offline.



2019 Calendars are now available in the back of the church.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24-Christmas Eve

Sycuan Mass 5:00 PM

Barona Mass-7:00PM

Viejas Mass-10:00PM

Christmas Day

Barona Mass- 8:00AM



Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe,
O dark Madonna of the Americas,
Come again to bring us the roses
Of compassion, justice and peace.
In the midst of our winter,
Bestow your love on all those marginalized in these
lands,
And give us your gift to see dignity
In the least of those among us. Amen.



Family Activities for Advent

- Wear outrageous Christmas socks.
- Offer to run Christmas errands for an elderly friend or relative.
- Volunteer as a family to work in a soup kitchen or homeless shelter during the holidays.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
STOP! LOOK! and LISTEN! It is still
Advent! JB has an important message to
tell!

Reflection on the Second Sunday of **Advent**

Today we focus on John the Baptist, one of the great figures of the bible. He is proclaiming and calling for attention. He wants to be heard and heeded. A man with a message and he is on fire with it. Repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Prepare a way for the Lord.

John doesn't sound like the kind of man you would invite home for dinner. His message sounds so grim to us – penance, straightening crooked ways and smoothing rough ones. He thinks it's good news. Isn't Christmas for

celebrating? Why is the Church such a killjoy, a spoilsport? It does it at Easter with Lent, and here it is, at it again with Advent. Ah, let's celebrate with an easy conscience. After all it is office party time, mistletoe time and a bird never flew on one wing. What's the Church trying to do?

Excitement come easy at Christmas, thank God. There's the excitement of getting ready, getting the house clean, getting food- cakes, mince pies, pudding – excitement of getting gifts, giving and receiving socks and soap, excitement of people coming home, Pat, Mary, John. And it is all a reflection of how the excitement started, the first excitement at the first Christmas. The coming of Christ who was to be Lord, the bread of life. The coming of Christ who was a gift from God to us. The coming of Christ who was to bring people together and make the homeless at home – a huge communion of friends. So the cakes, the food, the coming together and the plane arriving *at San Diego Airport* are real signs of Christmas and that's easy to see. They can be real signs of Christ too, but that's easy to forget.

So the Church is trying to make us remember, stop us being thoughtless and make us thoughtful. It tries every way it can – with color; did you notice the purple vestments? With light, did you notice the second candle? With word – did you hear the prophet foretelling the coming of Christ, and did you hear John the Baptist who introduced Christ?

Before all the excitement, which can be great at this time of year we need to stop and think about "What I need to change in my life?" In our own life there are many things that we need to straighten out. The hills that block our view of the one who is to come could be the mounting resentment, which we never resolved. How about the valley of our patience and tolerance with one another? Has the water of charity stopped flowing from my very being? Are there any familiar ways that have become self-destructive which I can leave behind?

In my own small way, on this Sunday, what can I change? What obstacle can I remove to prepare a way for the Lord?

a way of mercy,

a way of faithfulness,

a way of justice,

a way of peace,

a way, along which we can see "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy"?