

*Weekend of September 7 & 8, 2019*  
*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Mass Schedule

**Barona:**

**Mass:** Tuesday 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).

**Viejias:**

**Weekends:** Sunday, 10:00 AM.

**Confessions:** By appointment.

**Sycuan:**

**Weekends:** Sunday, Noon.

**Confessions:** By appointment



Gilbert Rodriguez, 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, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Mary Whitespear, Steve and Vera Tucker, Helen Cadiente, Berniece Marrujo, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Stephen Nolan, Agnes Ruiz, Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Debbie Gonzalez, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Judy Robinson

***Please check prayer list and add names as desired.***

**Mass Intentions – September 8, 2019**

Weekend masses:

Sunday, 8:00 Barona – Charlie and Gene Curo

Sunday, 10:00 Viejas – Community of Viejas

Sunday, 12:00 Sycuan – Community of Sycuan

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

**Barona** – Class will begin on **Thursday**, Sept. 19, 2019 at 2:45 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**Viejias** – Class will begin on **Wednesday**, Sept. 18, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

**Sycuan** – Class will begin week of Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> – time and place to be determined.

If you have any questions, please contact Brother Ed Nolan.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship.**

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**Religious Education Teachers Needed in Barona**

We are in need of teachers for K-8 and we need a teacher for the high school students for religious education. Contact Fr. Herman or Brother Ed if interested or if you have any questions.

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**Prayer for strength and peace**

O Lord,

You are the light that guides my feet.  
You are the map that gives me direction.  
You are the peace that makes me strong.  
You are the leader whom I faithfully follow.

May your light illuminate my life  
And your guidance bring direction.  
May I find inspiration in your word  
And peace in my heart as I follow you.

Amen.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**  
**Sunday, Sept. 8 is the Viejas, Feast Day  
of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin**

## **Mary. Just wanted to share some insights of the Viejas mission church.**

### **How Viejas Came To Be**

The Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, one of the remaining 12 bands of the Kumeyaay Indian Nation, resides on a 1,600-acre reservation in the Viejas Valley, east of the community of Alpine in San Diego County, California. The Viejas Band is recognized as a sovereign government by the United States, with which it maintains a government-to-government relationship.

Capitan Grande, about 35 miles east of San Diego, is the name of the canyon through which the San Diego River once ran. With abundant water, Kumeyaay Indians living there sustained themselves through farming.

In 1875, a presidential executive order withdrew lands from the federal domain, setting aside a number of small reservations, including the Capitan Grande Reservation from which the Viejas Band descended. Capitan Grande, patented in 1891, included portions of ancestral land of the Los Coñejos Band. In 1853, other Indians from Mission San Diego were given permission to locate on Capitan Grande by the federal Indian agent at the time. Over the years, other Indians were placed there, as well.

As the non-Indian population grew, demand for water increased. The city of San Diego built Lake Cuyamaca, laying its flume through the Capitan Grande Reservation and taking most of the San Diego River water originally used by the Kumeyaay. This left them only a small share from the city's flume, resulting in crop losses on Indian farms. The city later decided to dam the river and take all of the water by creating El Capitan Reservoir. Though the Kumeyaay protested, Congress - at the wishes of land speculators and unknown to the Indians - granted the city permission to purchase the heart of the Capitan Grande Reservation, where many Kumeyaay had built homes. From the proceeds of this forced "sale" of lands, some of the valley's inhabitants, the Coapan Band, or Capitan Grande, bought Barona Valley and are now

known as the Barona Band of Mission Indians.

Another 28 families, including members of the Los Coñejos Band, purchased the Viejas Valley land (once a ranch owned by Baron Long) and incorporated the name Viejas. A few other families bought private individual property with their compensation. After the move, the Viejas and Barona Bands were denied their water rights and each valley became solely dependent on meager supplies of rainfall and groundwater until the issue was resolved by court action.

Today, membership in the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians is determined by direct descent from the families forced from Capitan Grande who pooled their shares of dam-site purchase money to buy Viejas Valley. The Viejas band continues to share a joint-trust patent with the Barona Band for the 15,000 remaining acres of the Capitan Grande Reservation.

Community volunteers, Native and non-Native, began construction on the Catholic house of worship. In 1939 construction was completed on the Viejas Catholic Church Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was dedicated on September 8, 1939, which is the Feast day of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was dedicated and named after that feast day.

Over the years, the church has undergone many renovations. The earliest church had no bell tower, a bell tower was added and the church was refaced and new steps were added. In 2000's, the yellow stain glass windows were replaced and the church was renovated inside. A new sanctuary with the stain glass image of St. Kateri Tekakwitha was added. The church was repainted, new Stations of the Cross and baptistery, new altar, lectern, president's chair and refurbished pews were put in the new sanctuary.

Those that have served the missions beginning with the Franciscans, the Comboni Fathers, the La Salette, the Diocesan and Divine Word missionaries.

Currently, serving the spiritual needs of the mission as Pastor is Father Herman Manuel, SVD and Pastoral Coordinator, Edward Nolan.

