

*Weekend of January 11 & 12, 2020*  
*The Baptism of the Lord*

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).

**Viejas:**

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

**Confessions:** By appointment.

**Sycuan:**

**Weekends:** Sunday, Noon.

**Confessions:** By appointment



Carol Lane, Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony and Diana Pico, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Helen Cadiente, Berniece Marrujo, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, 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, Anthony Harut Haurutuyanian, Gina Lloyd, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual

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

**Mass Intentions – January 12, 2020**

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** – Thursdays, 2:45 p.m & 4:00 p.m.

**Viejas** – Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

**Sycuan** – Every other Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monday, January 20 – Martin Luther King Jr day  
Sunday, February 2 - **Children’s Mass**, All reservations



**A PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Almighty ever-living God,  
 Who, when Christ had  
 been baptized in the  
 River Jordan and as the  
 Holy spirit descended upon him,  
 solemnly declared him  
 your beloved Son, grant  
 that your children by adoption,  
 reborn of water and the  
 Holy Spirit, may always  
 be well pleasing to you.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 your Son, who lives and reigns  
 with you in the unity of the Holy  
 Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



**Sacrament Contacts**

**Infant Sacrament of Baptism** – Beth Glasco  
 (619-820-6880)

Infant baptism, up to 6 years old

**Children’s Baptism** - ages 7-17 are part of the  
 religious education program, call Alyssa Parada  
 (619-990-1036)

**Adult Baptism & RCIA** – Ed Nolan  
 (619-972-8711)

Adult baptism, ages 18 and above

**Sacrament of Marriage** – Alyssa Parada  
 (619-990-1036)

**‘Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am well pleased.’ Strive for excellence as a disciple of Christ, that you might be welcomed with the same words upon entrance to Heaven.**

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**Baptism of the Lord  
January 12, 2020**

The Christmas Season is a time to remember revelations—revelations of God’s love for us. Two weeks ago we celebrated the great mystery of the Nativity of Our Lord: the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity took flesh from the Blessed Virgin Mary and was born as true God and true man as an infant in Bethlehem. On Christmas night he was revealed to shepherds, who were among the most poor and humble of Jesus’ own race and nation. The message of the angels to the shepherds announced Jesus as their king and their savior of the people of Israel. Last Sunday we concluded the eight-day observance of that great feast with the feast of the Epiphany. The gospel related the journey of the Magi, wise men from the East, who came from afar to adore the infant. In their encounter with the child, Jesus was revealed as the savior not only of his own people, but of all the nations. Their gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh were gifts fit for a king and fit for God. Today we see Jesus baptized by John in the River Jordan. This event is the formal beginning of Jesus’ public mission and ministry; both the gospel account and St. Paul’s reference in our second reading indicate its significance.

In the Baptism of the Lord we find yet another revelation: Jesus himself sees the heavens opened, and he sees the Holy Spirit come upon him in the form of a dove. That’s the same Spirit of God who, in the book of Genesis, hovered over the waters at the dawn of Creation. This is the beginning of the New Creation. Jesus hears a voice which he recognizes as that of his Eternal Father, for Jesus is his beloved son. Our faith and our religion depend on these revelations. In each of them God tells us something about who he is, and who we are. God reveals himself as the one who loves us, a God who is concerned for us and engaged in our world. He lets us know that he takes an active role in the life of each one of us, and in our communal life as his people. He comes to us in the person of Jesus who is revealed today as a servant, an anointed savior who is sent to bring to all of us the good news of salvation. He reveals Jesus as the Lamb, who frees us from eternal death by taking our sins upon himself. This is the meaning of Jesus’ action today, as revealed in the conversation between him and John the Baptist.

Today’s revelations are a reminder of all that God has done for us. We have been given so many gifts that we ourselves did nothing to earn. We have been assisted in so many ways that we did not deserve. We might think of our material goods and way of life which allow us to be secure and comfortable. If we look at the situation of most people on our planet, we are certainly wealthy people and richly blessed. But even more importantly, we remember that we have a God who cares so much about us that he came and dwelt among us. He lived among us not to dominate us, but to free us from evil, and to give us the hope of eternal happiness with him. He came to show us how to live and how to love. For this we are also grateful.

Like the shepherds, the Magi, and the prophet John the Baptist, let us be grateful for the revelation of his continuing presence with us. And let us conclude this Christmas season in gratitude by giving him the gift of our life and our love.

