

*Weekend of January 4 & 5, 2020*  
*The Epiphany 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



Gilbert Rodriguez, Carol Lane, Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Secora Nelson, 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 Haurutuynian, Gina Lloyd, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual

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

**Mass Intentions – January 5, 2020**

Weekend masses:

Sunday, 8:00 Barona – John and Dora Curo

Sunday, 10:00 Viejas – Community of Viejas

Sunday, 12:00 Sycuan – Community of Sycuan

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

**There will be no classes during Christmas break!!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, January 12– **Children’s Mass**, All reservations

Sunday, February 2 - **Children’s Mass**, All reservations



Jesus, receiver of the wise men and their gifts,  
help us to follow the light in the midst of our dark  
world.

Fix our eyes and hearts on your light,  
that we might be bearers of that light  
to all those who walk in the dark. Amen.

**God does not call through trumpets and midnight visions, but through the quiet recognition in the heart that something new is happening. As the Magi were attentive to the signs of the times, be aware of how God is calling you to be a disciple.**

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## The Star

A reflection on the Epiphany of the Lord

Traditionally, January 6 is the Feast Day of the Three Kings, The Magi or the Three Wise Men. We are not sure of their number, but we are sure that they were men. Someone texted me that if they would have been three wise women, they would have asked for directions first, they would have arrived on time to help deliver the baby, they would have cleaned the stable, cooked dinner and brought practical gifts.

The Gospel today (Matthew 2:1-12) speaks of the Magi from the East who followed the star and found the child with Mary His mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage, offering gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold for a king, frankincense for a God, and myrrh for embalming of someone who was to suffer and die for the world. The message of the Epiphany (revelation) is clear: Jesus Christ is the Savior of the World and the Savior for all. May the light shine on far and wide.

To this day, two thirds of the world's population have not yet seen or have not yet fully accepted

Light of Christ. There is a big world out there that has not yet heard the Good News about a God who became one like us, was killed by us, but rose again to give us new life.

What have you done, what are you doing to spread the light? Have you yourself fully accepted, and thus live by, and reflect his light?

The Magi followed the star and found Jesus. The problem with many of us is that WE want to be THE STAR, and so, we never get to find Jesus. We always see ourselves as the STAR IN A MAJOR or SUPPORTING ROLES--Sounds like a movie, huh. I would follow it up with the "ME" ATTITUDE. Yes, we act in selfish reasons. So, learn to fade away and dim your lights. You naturally will see the star.

Take a good look at the shape of the star and you see two big triangles, overlapping each other, one pointing up and the other pointing down. It signifies God reaching out to humanity and humanity reaching out to God. The most prominent Christmas décor in my country, the Philippines is the parol (lantern) the star, that should remind us to continue to reach out to God, and allow ourselves to be reached to God, even when it is not Christmas. Notice too how the star spreads out wide. It also reminds us to reach out and spread our arms to welcome one another.

Invert the word "star" and you have the word "rats." Rats are those that live in the dark and in

the shadows. They are not the children of the light, but of the underworld.

The problem with this world is that there are many rats, planning and scheming ways and means to have more money and using the darkness for shady deals. These are the ones who feast on the coffers while people go hungry and deprived. Have you ever noticed how many of the troubles and woes in our country have been caused and continue to be caused by people who have a star mentality and who dream of a star on their shoulders?

In spite of shadows and darkness, the star should give us hope and direction. We must count our blessings and move forward like the fishermen who find their back home to the shore by looking at the stars on a dark night, let us continue to row hard, and keep our eyes on the Star of our Earth, the Star of our lives.

May we always be guided by the star in whatever decisions we make in life. There are so many distracting lights in this world. We must never remove our gaze from the STAR as we journey on.

Fr. Gerry Orbos, SVD

