

Weekend of October 26 & 27, 2019
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule
<p>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</p>



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, Steve and Vera Tucker, 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

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – October 27, 2019

Weekend masses:

Sunday, 8:00 Barona – Darrell and Roni Romero
 Doreen Romero-Ford

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.

Viejias – Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, October 29 – Daily Masses will resume 8:00 AM, Barona

Wednesday, October 30 – Brother Ed Study – *Fall Holiday and Holy Days Celebrations and Their Meanings*, 4:00 PM, Barona, Brother's Ed's office

Sunday, November 10 – Children's Mass, all reservations. Mark Price, guest homilist for Barona.



Thursday, October 31, 2019 – All Saints Vigil Mass, 6:00 PM - Sycuan

Friday, November 1, 2019 – All Saints Day Mass, 8:00 AM - Barona



All Soul's Day envelopes are in the pews and in the back of the churches. Please list the names of your deceased loved ones for a novena of masses during November.

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – All Souls Mass and Grave Blessing

11:00 AM – Viejas

12:00 PM – Conejos

4:00 PM – Sycuan (There will be no mass Sunday, November 3)

6:30 PM – Barona (There will be no mass Sunday, November 3)



November 3, 2019

**Daylight savings time ends, remember to
set your clocks back one hour.**

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
A reflection of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's readings we hear of the difference between pride and humility. In one sense the readings seem to be contradictory. The Pharisee boasts about his virtues but Paul also seems to boast. In this passage the Pharisee condemns the tax collector and considers himself a righteous man because he fasts twice a week and tithes. He has little use for the tax collector. His attitude is haughty compared with the humility of the tax collector.

Jesus is critical of the Pharisee not because of his virtues but because he "exalts himself" while Jesus praises the tax collector because he has humbled himself before God, admitting he is a sinner and asks for mercy. In the second reading we may think that Paul is also very conscious of his own accomplishments. He says he has competed; he has finished the race and has the audacity to say, "Now the crown of righteousness awaits me." In essence he sounds more like the Pharisee than the tax collector.

However, there is a difference. Paul is "teaching", the Pharisee is boasting. Paul has confidence that he has lived his life as Jesus asks that he live it. If one of us were teaching someone how to cook or play golf, we probably would say, "Watch me! I'll show you how it is done." Paul seems to be saying that living, competing, finishing the race and keeping the faith are practices necessary in our journey through life. But then he adds that he "and all who long for the appearance of Jesus will be rewarded for their conduct." Paul, himself, has "walked the walk." On the other hand, the Pharisee seemed to congratulate himself on what he alone accomplished while Paul indicates his motivation was his longing for the appearance of God.

There's a big difference in the two attitudes. However, we can also become enamored with our accomplishments. We

may judge our worthiness by the material aspects of our lives. There's nothing wrong with earning a lot of money, with gaining fame and notoriety or in becoming a powerful force in one's community. However, Jesus calls us to make a decision: are our actions motivated by ambition, by a desire to be recognized for our efforts or do we take our actions so that we may, like Paul, derive our motivation, as Paul did, from God's promise that He will "bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever." Once again Jesus asks us to make this decision: is my life dedicated to God or to my own personal accomplishments. We truly must make this distinction. How do we do it? We must examine our actions and our motives.

There are many successful people who have had many accomplishments. However, are all of them doing what you are doing right now? Are all of them pausing to praise their God, to pray to Him and to set aside time to be with him, as you are doing? You might say, "Well, my coming to Mass is not that big a deal." True, it's not the only thing we do each week to indicate our "longing for the appearance of God" but it is an important thing that we do.

Like Paul, do we believe that there were times in our lives "when no one came to my behalf, but everyone deserted me?"

Remember the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993? Many of us have been adversely affected by the economic aftermath after the violent attack. Possibly you are an airline pilot, you had a much more valuable stock portfolio than you have now, a family member or a loved one has lost their job. If you are a teenager or a college student you may be wondering, "What's it all about, anyway? How could God allow this catastrophe to happen?" Paul experienced those same situations. Throughout the trials of his life, and he had many, he kept his eye on the prize, his eventual union with God. And so, in teaching us, he recounts how he did it so we may benefit from his experience. That's not boasting.

Referring to the first reading, Sirach, who lived 180 years before the birth of Christ, writes, "The one who serves God willingly is heard his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal."

Those are consoling words in these times when destruction has been visited on our land. A humble person usually asks: "What can I do to help those individuals devastated by the tragedy?" They may be friends, relatives or neighbors who need a phone call from each of us asking, "What can I do to help?" When Paul writes, "the one who serves God willingly is heard" it means that each of us could actually have the answer to the prayer of those who have been adversely effected by what has happened. But, we must take the initiative.

Another way of answering God's call is to ask ourselves "What have I done to merit the blessings He has been bestowing upon me? The Pharisee boasted about his virtues. On the other hand, each of us may also boast about our accomplishments. We ask, "But why have we been so blessed?" Do we believe that God has had a hand in our good fortune or have we received so many benefits by our own initiative?

There is only one thing I can say: First, we need to give gratitude to God for all His blessings upon us then we follow it by not belittling others who are undergoing hardships in life instead we need to help them achieve success either through prayers or helping them physically or financially in life.

