

Weekend of November 2 & 3, 2019
Thirty-first 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).

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

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – November 3, 2019

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

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

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

Wednesday, November 13 – Brother Ed Study – *Fall Holiday and Holy Days Celebrations and Their Meanings*, 4:00 PM, Barona, Brother's Ed's office

Thursday, November 28 – Thanksgiving Day, Barona, 8:00 AM mass

Sunday, December 1-3 -- Advent Retreat with Dominican Sister, Jeanne Harris, OP – Barona, 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 7 -- Viejas, 4:00 PM – 80th Anniversary of the Viejas Mission Church. All are invited to celebrate this great event.

Sunday, December 15 – Children's Mass, All reservations.

MEAL BLESSING

Blessed are you, Father, who give us our daily bread.
Blessed is your only begotten Son who continually feeds us with the word of life.
Blessed is the Holy Spirit, who brings us together at this table of love.

Blessed be God now and forever. Amen.

Jesus approaches us and wants to come and stay with us. Be ready to change your ways, like Zacchaeus, to follow Jesus.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Beauty and Goodness that Jesus Sees in Zacchaeus and Us

A reflection on the 31st Year in Ordinary Time

In this weekend of All Souls' Day and 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are reminded that there is always hope for each and every one of us at the end of the tunnel. We hear of the story of a man of short stature, Zacchaeus, who was despised and hated by everyone else in Jesus time because he is a tax collector and a sinner. Jesus showed this man his love and care for him by inviting himself to dine with him. This gesture made him happy throughout his entire life.

One of the more significant obstacles to happiness is the scourge of self-hatred and the pain of inferiority. We all know its sting and we have all witnessed the destructive effects of self-loathing. Much of adolescent destructive behavior and adult discontent results from self-hatred. The young person does not feel that he or she measures up to the standards of parents and peer group. The turn to drugs, sex, and alcohol are ways of escaping the pain of rejection and poor self-esteem.

The married know how destructive self-hatred can be. If one or both spouses do not feel worthy of the love of the other, conflict and eventual divorce are quite likely. Too often we bring to our mature relationships what we have learned and experienced as a child. If we have been told by parents and significant others that we are no good and not worthy of love, can it surprise us that our adult relationships easily fall apart?

The adult is contained in the child. Also we pass on to our children what we have been taught. We do to our children what we had done to us. Good self-esteem and the feeling of self-respect are precious gifts. Self-hatred can destroy the life of a person. Both are generational.

The religious or priest is no stranger to self-hatred. Many were formed in a spirituality which emphasized the negative and the sinful. Nothing one did was good enough. And when one did something good, it was immediately devalued lest the ugly head of pride pop up. One was not allowed to enjoy one's ministry or feel good about one's work.

Happiness and a sense of joy were foreign to the dedicated religious or priest. Again, is it any wonder that many religious and priests suffer from self-hatred and neurotic guilt? And we too easily transfer that guilt and unworthiness to others. All three of our readings speak to the pain of self-hatred. They do so by reminding us of our dignity and worth as made in the image of God. We are precious and wonderful because God has made us for himself. We have done nothing or achieved nothing in order to receive this dignity. We are good and lovable simply because we are.

No doubt to some this sounds like pop psychology or a crash course in the modern drive to feel good about oneself. Not so. The book of Wisdom tells us that God is a Lover and not a hater. God loves all he has made. Even when we sin, God wills to save all things because the Lord is a "lover of souls."

It is in the image of the Divine Lover that we are made. The "imperishable spirit" of this love lives in all of us. We are not made for hatred but for love. We can love and accept ourselves and others because God accepts us totally as his own. St. Paul writing to the Thessalonians recalls them to their dignity as followers of Christ. The Christian has been redeemed by Jesus and called to proclaim the Gospel of salvation. Jesus died out of love for us. Through his death and resurrection, we are called to live a new life.

We are to no longer live in the bondage of sin and guilt. Self-hatred and inferiority are to be displaced by the total non-judgmental love of Jesus for us. By the amazing grace of Jesus, we are healed and liberated to love others in freedom. We are like Zacchaeus in our Gospel. We have a handicap which can easily keep us from being with Jesus and feeling unworthy. Zacchaeus is small of stature. He also is the chief tax collector and a wealthy man.

Translation: He is a sinner. He has every reason to avoid Jesus. The hatred of others was intense. But Zacchaeus will have none of it. He is a true son of Abraham and just the kind of person Jesus came to seek and save. He is just like us. Each of us knows the reality of sin and the power of guilt. We can allow these to dominate our life and give in to self-hatred. However, this is not what Jesus wants. Jesus loves us without measure. He wants us to love ourselves so that we can love one another.



Jesus Eats With Zacchaeus