

Weekend of November 9 & 10, 2019
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| <p><u>Barona:</u> 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). <u>Viejias:</u> Weekends: Sunday, 10:00 AM. Confessions: By appointment. <u>Sycuan:</u> Weekends: Sunday, Noon. Confessions: By appointment</p> |



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 10, 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 – 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

Monday, November 11 – VETERANS DAY

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- Tuesday, December 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.

Prayer for Deceased Veterans

O God,

By whose mercy the faithful departed find rest,
 Look kindly on your departed veterans who gave
 their lives in the service of their country.
 Grant that through the passion, death, and
 resurrection of your Son
 they may share in the joy of your heavenly
 kingdom

And rejoice in you with your saints forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**You are alive for God. Trust that God
will welcome you into the kingdom.**

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The Goal of our Life: To Be with the Lord in the Heavenly Banquet

A reflection on the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we near the end of the Church's liturgical year, the readings become more eschatological—having to do with the end times. A case in point is the first reading. Written about the first century before Christ, it is particularly appropriate because it shows us the gradual development in the Hebrew Scriptures of a hope for an afterlife.

The Books of Maccabees were not in the Jewish canon of scripture, however, the Church from the beginning has recognized its inspiration and importance. The councils of Florence and Trent cited (2 Mac. 12:46) as one of its scriptural references when it formulated its doctrine on faith in a Purgatory.

Belief in the resurrection of the dead came fairly late in Judaism. The book of Daniel, composed about the year 165 B.C. speaks of the belief in the resurrection of the dead (Dan. 12:2) — “and many of those that sleep in the dust of the earth, shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace.”

In the book of Wisdom written about the last half of the 1st Century, speaks of immortality — “Yet God did make man imperishable, He made him in the image of his own nature” (Wis. 2:23). The

story of the seven brothers and their mother shows that these martyrs were followers of the Torah and believed in a life after death.

In the gospel the Sadducees make a mistake that is not unheard of today, because they tried to apply earthly standards to heavenly ones. The Law the Sadducees referred to was called the Levirate Law (which provided for the economic and social security of widows in societies where women had no legal right and could not earn wages [Dt. 25:5-10]).

Jesus points out that we cannot understand eternity with our earthly existence, we have no comparison—only one frame of reference, our earthly existence. Jesus helps us by his response. The argument becomes irrelevant. He says, if you imagine a life where there is no death. And if no one dies, there is hardly a reason for marriage and the perpetuation of the human race.

We should not be too hard on these Sadducees because we tend to think of the life to come in terms of our own limited, culturally-biased assumptions. When Jesus speaks of the “heavenly banquet,” we wonder if they’ll be serving the kind of food we like “up there.”

Anthony De Mello SJ, tells the story of a Muslim holy man who had just finished preaching. A heckler from the audience shouted out, “instead of spouting spiritual theories why don’t you show us something practical?”

Kind of surprised, the holy man asked, “What kind of practical thing do you want me to show you?” The man was pleased that he had made the speaker uncomfortable and was making an impression on the audience, replied, “For instance show us an apple from the garden of paradise.”

Immediately the holy man bent down and picked up an apple and handed it to him. “But this apple is bad on one side,” said the man. “Surely a heavenly apple would be perfect,” said De Mello “but given your present faculties, this is as near to a heavenly apple as you will ever get.”

That same situation confronts us today, how are we to see a perfect apple with imperfect eyes?”

We have Jesus' words from scripture when He said that, "Eye has not seen nor ear heard what God has in store for those that love him."

And so, in our Eucharist celebration as we usually gather around the table of the Lord, we give thanks to Almighty God for the opportunity to share in the foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet that waits us in the place that God has prepared for us!

