

*Weekend of November 23 & 24, 2019*  
*Christ the King*

Mass Schedule
<p><b>Barona:</b>  <b>Mass:</b> Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM.  <b>Weekends:</b> Saturday, 5:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM.  <b>Confessions:</b> Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 PM  <b>Adoration:</b> 1st Thurs. of the month (6:00 PM) and 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).  <b>Viejas:</b>  <b>Weekends:</b> Sunday, 10:00 AM.  <b>Confessions:</b> By appointment.  <b>Sycuan:</b>  <b>Weekends:</b> Sunday, Noon.  <b>Confessions:</b> 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 24, 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**

**\*\*No class during Thanksgiving break!**

**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**

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 – 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Viejas Mission Church.** All are invited to celebrate this great event.

Sunday, December 8– **Sycuan Feast Day and Memorial Feast of Immaculate Conception**– All reservations invited, followed by reception, Mass –12:00 – Sycuan

Monday, December 9- Special Mass, Barona 8:00 AM  
Immaculate Conception

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

**2020 Calendars are now available! They are located in back of the church.**



**Thanksgiving Meal Prayer**

God most provident,  
 We join all creation in raising to you a hymn of  
 thanksgiving  
 Through Jesus Christ, your Son.  
 For generation upon generation  
 People of this land have sung of your bounty;  
 We too offer you praise  
 For the rich harvest we have received at your hands.

Bless us and this food which we share with grateful hearts.  
Continue to make our land fruitful and let our love for you  
be seen

In our pursuit of peace and justice  
and in our generous response to those in need.

Praise and glory to you, Lord God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK** **Christ the King and His Heavenly Kingdom**

Today is the feast of Christ the King. The image that usually comes to mind when someone mentions the word "King" is a man in a heavily jeweled garment, with mink trimmings, a gold crown and a staff in his hand. He has many servants and many ministers to assist him. Moreover, he has worldly power and thousands of army who have a strong fighting force. However, he is a man who must constantly be watchful of others because of an ambition to replace him. If that is the common perception of a "king" then Jesus Christ hardly qualifies. He was a man with no jeweled garment, no worldly power, no army and a man who trusted everyone. On Palm Sunday it seemed for a brief period He could have assumed political power in Jerusalem but, in keeping with His real mission, He chose another route ...crucifixion. While other monarchs seek to control populations, territories and have command of vast armies and navies, this "king" chose to convert the hearts and minds of His followers. Instead of seeking power from His "political" base, He, instead offered power to anyone who would follow His teachings. He didn't wage war but offered peace to those who would believe in Him.

There have been many governmental dynasties in this world's history but none that have rivaled the longevity of that of Christ the King. What was it that led to this reign of 2000 years? It was something more appealing, more permanent and more rewarding than the temporal advantages offered by the other kings, presidents czars and commissars of the world. He offered TRUTH. That's the only way to build something permanent... it must be grounded in truth. Not in power, not in wealth not in popularity but truth.

All of the other trappings of power eventually disappear. Someone comes with a bigger army, more sophisticated weaponry or with an "ism" that appeals to some for a short period of time but cannot stand the test of an ongoing attraction to all people. Jesus did not have the power of mortal kings. He had no legions. He had no hydrogen bombs. But, did

He have power? Has any other individual or group of individuals performed the many miracles He performed? As a matter of fact, has any one ever performed just 1 miracle? In all of recorded history there has been no miracle performed without the specific reference to His power. Those which have occurred at Lourdes, Fatima and other areas of the world have all been credited to His power and not to the power of any mortal individual.

This is the same Jesus, the Son of God that we worship in our Church morning. Do we feel that we are a part of His Kingdom? My answer would be, "Well, I don't really feel that much different from anyone else!" It's true, we may not feel any different but, again, the difference is in our recognition of His message ... TRUTH. That's what makes each of us unique. We believe the same truths that He gave us 2000 years ago. We believe in eternal salvation, we believe in His commandments, we believe in sin but, most of all, we believe that what He preached was truth. That's why we live our lives according to His teachings.

His Kingdom is wonderful kingdom to be a part of. Are we all going to be saved? Well, it's not automatic! The answer lies in each one of us. No one can answer for us. The outcome won't be decided by the size of our bank account, by the amount of prestige or power we command nor on the result of any popularity poll.

No, to be a part of His Kingdom we must believe and act upon His "laws" They are simple laws. "Love your God with your whole heart and love your neighbor as yourself. If you love me he says, "You will keep My commandments." Some might say, "Ah, wait a minute. Now you're complicating things. I thought being a part of your kingdom is going to offer me more benefits. Now you're talking about responsibilities. I'll have to think about that!"

Is his kingdom really any different than any other in today's world? The democracies, those countries controlled by dictatorships and even in the few countries in which a king does preside all have laws. Is that reasonable? Doesn't that impede one's individuality? Of course not. No society could exist without some laws. So, when we consider His commandments, most logical individuals would remark, "The commandments are reasonable. Any organization has to have rules."

And so, today, as we contemplate this Kingdom of which Christ is the leader, it makes perfect sense for us to pay homage to Him. We don't salute, we don't

bow and there are no 21 gun salutes. Our lives in His kingdom are much the same as our lives in our temporal democracy, kingdom, state dictatorship or socialistic republic. Each has a leader, each has laws, each has an army and each is dedicated to ideals promulgated by human beings.

However, only the Kingdom of God can offer eternal salvation to its "citizens". Only the Kingdom of God was founded by a member of a true "royal family" and only the Kingdom of God can offer its citizens a life of happiness for eternity.

We thank God for giving us His Only Begotten Son to save us from our sins! Hail Christ our King! Christus Vincit! Christus Regnat ! Christus Imperat!

**Happy Thanksgiving to all!**