

*Weekend of Dec. 7 & 8, 2019*  
*Second Sunday of Advent*

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 – December 8, 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.**

**Viejas – Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.**

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, December 8 – Barona mass 8:00 AM, No mass in Viejas**

**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 – Immaculate Conception, Barona 8:00 AM**

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

**Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Masses**

**4:00 PM – Sycuan**

**6:00 PM – Viejas**

**9:00 PM – Barona**

**Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day Mass, 8:00 AM mass**

**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection**

Envelopes will be in pew and back of church weekend of 12/14 & 12/15. Some 30,000 senior Catholic sisters, brother, and religious order priests have spent their lives doing the Lord’s work. Most served with little or no pay, and now their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement fund for Religious offers vital support for necessities, such as medications and nursing care. Your generosity is much appreciated.

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-If you're feeling harried, go to a church, sit in the sanctuary, and reflect on the real meaning of Christmas. You'll leave feeling more peaceful.

-Take a basket of Christmas goodies to your local fire and police stations.



## “Change Your Course, Reform Your Lives”

A reflection on the Second Sunday of Advent

The story is told about a commanding officer of a ship who saw, through a foggy night at sea, what

appeared to be the lights of another ship heading directly toward him.

He instructed his signalman to contact the other ship by light with this message: “Change your course 10 degrees to the north. I am an admiral.”

“Message received,” came the reply, “but you must change your course to the south.” This infuriated the admiral. He signaled back, “I am a battleship, so change your course to the north or else. ”To which came the reply: “I am a lighthouse. Change your course or else!

In the gospel reading this 2nd Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist’s message to all fogbound creatures is: “Change your course. Reform your lives. The reign of God is at hand.” Unless we change our course to God’s course we are headed for perdition.

Also, the gospel reading for this Sunday has a note of urgency. John the Baptist asserts, “Even now the axe is laid to the root of the tree. Every tree that is not fruitful will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

John the Baptist may be saying to us in contemporary words thus: “If you’re thinking of making a Christmas confession, do it now. If you’re planning to be reconciled with someone, now’s the time. If you’re considering to do good to your less fortunate brethren, don’t dilly-dally. Do it now.”

There is an ancient story about three devils who were arguing over the best way to destroy the souls of people in the world.

The first demon says: “Let’s tell all the Christians that the Bible is all a fable.” “No, that will not do,” the second devil said: “Let me go and I will tell them that there is no heaven or hell. Take away the fear of punishment and the man will not believe.”

The third demon says, “There is one better way. Tell the Christians that there is a God, that the Bible is inspired, that the Bible is true, that there is heaven and hell. Yes, but I’ll tell them there is NO HURRY; there is always a tomorrow.” But then all is too late.

And all the devils agreed and they sent him.

Why wait until a sickness strikes before you get rid of some bad habit like excessive smoking or drinking, cursing or gossiping, or watching TV too much?

Advent is an opportune time to welcome Christ into our lives by bearing fruits of good deeds. "Every tree that is not fruitful," John the Baptist warns, "will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Fr. Bel San Luis, SVD

