

Weekend of Dec. 28 & 29, 2019

Holy Family of Jesus

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 29, 2019

Weekend masses:

Sunday, 8:00 Barona – Community of Barona

Sunday, 10:00 Viejas – Community of Viejas

Sunday, 12:00 Sycuan – Community of Sycuan

There will be no classes during Christmas break!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 31, - New Year's Eve
mass, Barona, 5:00 PM
mass



Wednesday, January 1– New
year's Day

Mass, Barona,
9:00 AM mass

Sunday, January 12– Children's Mass, All
reservations

The Holy Family provides a
model for each
Christian family: to prepare
your children to accept the
mission God has given. Form
your children to always say
'Yes!' to God when He calls.
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NEW YEAR PRAYER

Thank you Lord for giving me The
brand new year ahead. Help me live
the way I should As each new day I
tread.

Give me gentle wisdom That I might
 help a friend,
 Give me strength and courage So a
 shoulder I might lend.
 The year ahead is empty
 Help me fill it with good things Each
 new day filled with joy And
 happiness it brings.
 Amen.

Don't forget!
2020 Calendars are in back of the church.



The Holy Family and What It Teaches Us
 A reflection on the Holy Family

The feast of the Holy Family is a relatively new feast of the Church. This feast wasn't established until late in the 19th century when there seemed to be a major crisis in families around the world, to some extent what we face now. The Church was quick to respond and established this special feast day. ... a day devoted to family life with the idea that families would become imitators of the Holy Family. There's an overall feeling or theme one can derive from this special feast and from the readings for this Sunday ... a theme of obedience to God's will.... as each member of the Holy Family is obedient to the will of God in all they do.

Take St. Joseph as an example. Here's a Jewish man who is engaged to marry a woman who is found to be with child prior to their living together. In Jewish traditions he is fully justified if he divorces her... even to do it publicly where she becomes subjected to the tradition of possibly being stoned to death. But Joseph is a good man so he is going to do it quietly and not subject Mary to public ridicule. When the angel tells Joseph that it is all right to take Mary as his wife for the child she bears is to be called Emmanuel, He is the one who is to come, the one to save His people, Joseph immediately takes Mary as his wife. When the child is born and they are still in Bethlehem an angel again appears to Joseph and tells him he must flee the country because Herod desires to kill the child, Joseph once again is obedient and takes Mary

and the Child and travels to Egypt. Joseph stays in Egypt until he is told, once again by an angel, that it is safe to return to Israel. Joseph does as he is told, Joseph once again obeying God's will. This is not a man steeped in knowledge of scripture or Torah law as men like the Scribes and Pharisees might be but a man who is aware of

God's commands and follows them as best he can. A man intent on doing God's will.

Then there is Mary who is startled by an angel while she is in prayer and really shocked when the angel tells her she is to conceive a son who will be called Son of God. She even asks the angel "How is this possible since I have had no relations with a man. Mary accepts the angel's word that the Holy Spirit will overshadow her and hence the Child will be the Son of God. Mary, who is always trying to do God's will, tells the angel, "let it be done to me according to your word." With that the angel leaves her. After the birth of her son, Mary leaves Bethlehem because her husband has had a vision. How many women would trust in their husband to the extent Mary did? To leave one's country and flee to another land on the strength of what her husband has seen in a dream? Mary is also the homemaker who responds to her husband when he tells her it is now time to return to Israel. Mary gathers her belongings and the Child Jesus and returns with Joseph.

Mary knows Jesus her son so well that the first miracle He performs is at her request at the wedding feast at Cana. She simply tells the chief steward, "Do whatever he tells you!" as she tells us now, do whatever He tells you." Mary's actions always point to Jesus. Even when people have visions of Mary the vision is not so much about Mary but a way in which she points all of us to Jesus to show us how we might become closer to Jesus and be more obedient to the will of God, Jesus is the child in this family, a God man who is willing to listen to His parents. At the age of twelve, just when he is on the brink of becoming a "terrible teen", He is found in the temple listening, questioning and responding to the learned men of His time. We hear that story in Luke's gospel in the second chapter. Jesus really doesn't apologize to His parents when Mary says that she and Joseph have been searching for Jesus for days. No, He reminds Mary and Joseph that he is doing the work of His Father. Then Luke tells us that this brilliant child goes back to Nazareth and is subjected to his parents.... in other words, He obeys and honors His parents.

When we look at the Holy Family we see three great examples of how to live our lives, how to truly have a blessed life, a blessed family. St. Joseph is an example of a faithful, hardworking husband and father, the head of a household who does things through love and not by the position he holds. Mary the homemaker is guiding her son Jesus as He grows to manhood. Jesus, the perfect example for teens and pre-teens, allows Himself to be subjected to His parents. He honors His parents.

The old and the new testaments tell us to honor our parents when we are young and when they grow old. Many families have lost this attitude on honor and

respect. This feast day calls us all, whether it be parents or children, to look at our lives, at how we are acting. Are we good parents? Are we good children? Do we honor our parents in the "old age"? Are we sure they have the opportunity to live dignified lives? There is present in the Holy Family a guide for each of us no matter what stage in life we are. We should do everything possible to imitate the Holy Family.

