

*Weekend of February 1 & 2, 2020*  
*The Presentation of the Lord*

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



Carol Lane, Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, 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 – February 2, 2020**

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 – Sundays, 10:30 a.m.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Healing Services with Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament:

February 2, 2 PM – Barona

February 9, 3 PM – Viejas

February 16, after 12 PM mass – Sycuan

Saturday, Feb 8, 10 AM - Funeral mass for Leslie

Arrechea (“Nook”), Viejas

Saturday, Feb 15, 10 AM – Anniversary mass for Audrey

Wallace, Viejas

Thursday, February 20-Sunday, February 23 – LA Rel. Ed.

Congress

Sunday, March 15 – Tuesday, March 17 – Lenten

Retreat, Barona



**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

**February 8 & 9, 2020**

Brothers and Sisters, St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish is pleased to participate in the 2020 “Gratitude in Action” Annual Catholic Appeal. This appeal supports charitable needs throughout the Diocese of San Diego. Your gifts make possible the work that impacts so many in our diocese: those who attend Catholic school, formation of new priests and care for our retired priests, evangelization and accompaniment of Young Adults, and the consoling presence of Christ for those imprisoned. Please make your contribution online at [giving.sdcatholic.org](http://giving.sdcatholic.org) or your check payable to: Diocese of San Diego

Brochures/envelopes will be in pews and in back of church. Thank you for your generosity.



### **REMINDER**

Father's salary is due for those who make payments yearly or twice a year. For those who give monthly, please continue. Thank you so much!

**'Seek the Lord!' To follow the Lord is to come unto Him in humility and weakness, that He might fill you with strength.**

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### **The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple**

We are celebrating every year Mother's Day (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of May) and Father's Day (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of June). But why don't we have Parents' Day where we celebrate father and mother together as a couple?

Today we are celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. And for me this can be a good day to focus on both parents together. In the image of Joseph and Mary presenting Jesus in the Temple, we have a wonderful model of husband and wife united together in practicing the faith and in raising their child in the faith. In today's gospel both parents of Jesus, together, they make the long journey to Jerusalem to present their firstborn Child Jesus in the Temple as the law of God requires them to do. The Law of Moses requires every firstborn of the people of Israel to be offered to God, for God had slain the firstborn of the Egyptians but spared those of the Israelites when he liberated Israel from slavery. Every firstborn of the Israelites was therefore a memorial of this great event in Israel's history.

I am sure that this is the first time the child Jesus enters His Temple. And His presence in the Temple makes a difference particularly on Simeon and Anna. It is because His presence is worth dying for. Just look at Simeon, he was ready to die not because of old age but because of his encounter with Jesus which simply completed and satisfied all his longings. For Simeon, only Jesus satisfies.

In this feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we are also celebrating the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Candelaria.

Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Actually, the Blessed Virgin Mary is not subject to the law of purification, but devotion and zeal to honor God by every observance prescribed by His law, prompted Mary to perform this act of religion. The Law of Moses ordained that after childbirth a woman should continue for a certain period of time the law calls her unclean, during which time she was not to appear in public. This term was of forty days following the birth of a son, and double that time for a daughter. When the term expired, the mother was to bring to the Temple a lamb and a young pigeon or turtle-dove, as an offering to God. These being sacrificed to Almighty God by the priest, she was cleansed of the legal impurity and reinstated in her former privileges. A dove was required of all as a sin-offering, whether rich or poor; but as the expense of a lamb might be too great for the poor, these were allowed to substitute for it a second dove. Such was the case, Scripture tells us, for the Holy Family (v. 24).

On the Feast of Candelaria, candles are blessed on this day in commemoration of the words of Holy Simeon concerning Christ. Simeon calls Jesus the Light and sings with joy: "Now my eyes have seen your salvation which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel," (vv. 30-32). In the past, candles were blessed and carried in procession, signifying the entry of Jesus as the light of the world. The light is symbolized by the candles we use at Mass, particularly the Easter Candle, the Christmas candle and the baptismal candle. All these candles represent the love, the warmth and the joy of Christ. We are called to be Christ's candles too.

Today, as we commemorate three great events, the Presentation of the Lord, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Candelaria, let us be more like Simeon and Anna. Let us be joyful and announce to the world that Jesus Christ is the light that enlightens our lives. Let us strive to imitate also the humility of the ever-blessed Mother of God, remembering that

humility is the path which leads to lasting peace and brings us closer to God, who gives His grace to the humble.

