

*Weekend of March 14 & 15, 2020*  
*Third Sunday of Lent*

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



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 – March 15 - 2020**

Weekend masses:

Sunday, 8:00 Barona – Mel and Buddy 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**

**Sunday, March 15 – Tuesday, March 17 –Lenten Retreat,  
 6:30 PM, Barona Clubhouse  
 Fr. Frank Tinajero, SVD, *Forgiveness: A Restorative Approach***

**Friday, March 27 – Sheila Oyos Grave Blessing,  
 11:00 AM, Mesa Grande**

**Saturday, March 28 – Sheila Oyos Anniversary Mass,  
 10:00 AM, Barona**

***Lenten Reflections***

A series on the meaning of suffering, death and resurrection will take place during Lent, Thursdays 4-5 PM beginning March 5, 19, 26 and April 2. (No class on March 12<sup>th</sup>) in Brother Ed's office.



**Prayer with the Woman at the Well**

**We know her darkest secrets,  
 yet we don't even know her name.  
 How often we go by hearsay  
 in deciding who gets our attention.**

**Help me, Lord, to see  
 beyond the boundaries,  
 beyond the labels,  
 beyond the empty bucket,  
 or lack thereof,  
 to the flood of grace that awaits  
 if only we stop to talk with the stranger.  
 - D. Macalintal, *The Work of Your Hands***



**Jesus gives Living Water to those who come to Him in their need. Bring your weakness to Him, that His strength may help with your continued conversion of life.**

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*The Bishop has asked all parishes to suspend Communion from the Cup, the handshake of peace and receiving communion from the mouth during the threat of the Coronavirus. Due to the serious nature of this virus our parish will no longer offer Holy Communion from the Chalice, exchange the handshake of peace and receive communion from the mouth until it is safe to do so. Thank You!*

### **Lessons that We Can Learn from the Samaritan Woman**

In today's Gospel (Jn. 4, 5-42), Jesus encountered the Samaritan woman at the well. Their conversation started with thirst for natural water, and ended with the Samaritan woman asking from Jesus the water He will give so that she will not be thirsty again.

We often think that worldly pleasures and achievements are all that we need in this life to be satisfied and happy. Not so, the Lord reminds us today.

Money can buy happiness, but not true happiness. There are many things money can buy, but there are many other things it cannot buy or satisfy. In this season of Lent, we are asked to curb our desire for earthly pleasures so

that we can focus more on the spiritual, which, in the end, can truly make us happy and satisfied.

Somebody once said that money is like sea water. The more you drink of it, the more you become thirsty. Sea water cannot quench our thirst. Somewhere down the road, we must make a decision on whether we will make money our god that we will worship and pursue for the rest of our lives. What can make us realize that? Like the Samaritan woman, an encounter with the Lord can make us change the course of our lives. Let us pray, and be open to God's grace, and when we encounter the Lord, may we not turn our back on Him who is calling us toward a more peaceful life. May God give us the peace which the world cannot give or taken away.

The Lord calls us today also to true worship, a "worship in spirit and truth." Beyond religion, beyond traditions, beyond rituals and places of worship, our worship must be from the heart. Let God be God, let man be man. We cannot, and should not, confine or control God! Beyond the Church is the kingdom of God which is open for all. True worship is inclusive, not exclusive. Worship in spirit is worship not just with words but with heart.

What is worship "in truth"? Again, our Lord tells us to go beyond lip service to life service. Worship "in truth" is worshiping and honoring God not just with prayers and words but with the very life we live.

After the Samaritan woman encountered Jesus, she was never the same again. We pray that we, too, will encounter Jesus in a deeper way, and that this will lead to a more spiritual, humble, generous honest life. Let us always remember that every step that we take is a step towards our journey and the intended goal is to reach God's heart, whatever be our career in life. One does not need to be a priest to live a holy life to be on a journey towards God's heart. Let us recall what the apostles were before they followed Jesus: fishermen, tax collector, Jews, zealots, etc.

What if, for whatever reason, Jesus did not start a conversation with the Samaritan woman? Jesus could have ignored the Samaritan woman,

not talked to her. But Jesus, a Jew reached out to the Samaritan woman and two cultures that of the Jew and that of the Samaritan came into light.

If we apply this into our world today, we would call it a dialogue. A lot of issues and problems can be clarified or solved if we dialogue with one another. Dialogue is not easy. How far easier it is to impose on, demand from, dictate to, or shut out other people! Imagine how peaceful will it be when we sit down with one another and talk about our differences.

