

Weekend of July 30

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Barona:

Mass: Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM. @ Shrine

Saturday: 5:00 PM mass

Sunday: Sunday 8:00 AM. @ church

Confessions: By appointment only

Adoration: 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).

Viejias:

Sunday: Sunday, 10:30 AM. @ Church

Confessions: By appointment only.

Sycuan:

Sunday: Sunday Mass 12:30 noon @ the Church

Confessions: By appointment only

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Sue Kierig, Donna Berardi, Vicaldo Family, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Wendy Reyes, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Robert and Margie Cruz, Rick Lechner, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, Manny Ilagan, George Arviso, Ernie and Emy Lampa, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Juan Miguel, Bert Zita, AJ & Angela Samot, Deacon Gene Neral, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Romero Family, Annie McTavish, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Blanca Lechner, Virginia Brynwood

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes will begin in September 2023.

Please contact church office at

619-443-3412 or bktparish@aol.com for registration papers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM, Barona.
Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel*

****AUGUST****

Saturday, August 5 & Sunday, August 6 –
Deacon Charles Navarrete (The Emiliani Project) will be leading mass and sharing his mission work as part of the Missionary Cooperation Plan at each reservation.

Sunday, August 13 - 10 AM, Barona –
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary mass, lunch to follow. One mass for all reservations..

.....

“Give your servant an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong.” True knowledge comes from the Lord, and is not to be used for our own gain, but for the building of the Kingdom of Heaven.”

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
800-553-3321

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN GIVE ONLINE??

You can go directly to bktparish.com or click on the QR code and it will take you to website, click on donations accepted – click here at the top of the page.



BKT Parish
bktparish.com

PASTOR'S CORNER

Choice of Good over Evil: The Joy of Eternal Life

**A reflection on the 17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

I would like to share a beautiful story about heaven and the joy that we feel when we get there.

There was once a Benedictine monk who was the tailor for his community. One day, this religious became very ill, and as he waited for the end, he said to his fellow Brothers, "Bring me my key to heaven!" The brothers looked at each other in bewilderment. They did not know what he meant. But the Brother only repeated his request, "Bring me my key to heaven." Finally, the other Brothers grasped what he meant. They brought him his needle. A smile of contentment brightened the old Brother's face as he held the needle in his hand. "With this needle I worked day after day," he said, gazing at the needle, "for the honor and glory of God. Now, as I leave the world, it is for me the key to heaven."

On this 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, our readings tell us about how we can gain eternal life.

In our first reading, King Solomon asked God for wisdom and right judgment before anything else: "Give your servant, therefore,

an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong." He became famous for his wisdom and the Book of Proverbs is attributed to him. Sadly, in the end he forgot that his wisdom was not his own but God's gift and he died having sown the seeds of destruction of his Kingdom. Nevertheless, his prayer remains the perfect request for a ruler and God was pleased with it.

The comparison of the Kingdom of Heaven with the net that collects all kinds of fish in the Gospel shows us the necessity of wisdom. We live in a sinful world. Even within our own hearts we are conscious of the struggle between good and evil. Sadly, it is evil which often gains the upper hand. The difference between right and wrong can be very blurred at times and we need much wisdom to discern the bad from the good. We have to try to overcome evil within ourselves and in the world while at the same time realizing that the task will not be accomplished in our lifetime. We need to leave room for the kingdom to grow until its fulfillment in the final judgment.

Wisdom requires risk taking also, as illustrated in the parables of the treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of great price. When we discern God's will, we need to be prepared to pay any price to follow it. This will often mean contradicting the wisdom of the world, as Jesus dramatically declares when he says that we might have to renounce even the closest family ties for his sake. To be wise in the Kingdom of God is not just to always follow the old ways of doing things. God can also surprise us with new challenges. In such a case, the wise person will take the risk and follow the new path shown to him by God. This is to be

“like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.” Cardinal Newman puts it well: To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often.”

