Weekend of July 17, 2022 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This new Mass schedule will stay in effect until the Covid-19 crisis is over. Thanks for your patience.

Barona:

Mass: Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass

at 8:00 AM. @ Shrine

Sunday: Sunday 8:00 AM.@ Shrine **Confessions:** By appointment only

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

Viejas:

Sunday: Sunday, 10:30 AM. @ Church Confessions: By appointment only.

<u>Sycuan:</u>

Sunday: Sunday Mass 12:30 noon @ the Church

Confessions: By appointment only

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, Donna Berardi, Billy, Penny and Daniel Vicaldo, Anthony Pico, Dolly Albano, Mike Montes, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Abraham Pascual, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Louck, David Ramos, Felix Chiu, Edna De La Cruz Yusi, Marlon Amaranto, Sam Halabo, Anita Uqualla, Bobby Curo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Billy Brown, Margie Cruz, Gina Curo, Rick Lechner Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (K-High School)

Barona, **K-8th**: New classes will resume in September. Please contact church office if you would like to register. All classes are a two year program.

Barona, High School: Thursday, 3:00 p.m. (classroom under the club house) – classes will resume in September.

Please contact Judy Oyos (judy.otm@gmail.com) for Adult classes or for more information regarding classes.

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

<u>Sunday, August 14</u> – 10 AM, Barona – **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary mass,** brunch to follow. All reservations invited.

Jesus desires that we, like his friend Mary, would spend time in his presence. Take time regularly to be with Jesus and listen to his living word.

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Congratulations and welcome to Scarlett Woods who joined our parish family through the waters of baptism on July 7th.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S BLESSING

Bless all who worship you, almighty God, from the rising of the sun to its setting:
from your goodness enrich us,
by your love inspire us,
by your Spirit guide us,
by your power protect us,
in your mercy receive us,
Now and always.

PASTOR'S DESK

UPCOMING EVENTS

MISSING the LORD'S PRESENCE In our OWN BUSY WORLD

A reflection on the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Melissa G. is an ambitious, go-getting woman whose main preoccupation is academic achievement. She has two undergraduate degrees, two MA degrees, and a PhD. As she pursues her second PhD. the stress and strain of concentrated study begins to show.

She has lost her sense of humor. She has become more and more irritable. One day, a wise old professor called her into his office. "Melissa," he said, "I see you're not at all relaxed, weighed down by MAs and PhDs. It's plain and simple. You're killing yourself BY DEGREES!"

The advice of that wise professor might sound like the concern of Jesus over the workaholic Martha in this 16th Sunday's gospel. Martha is so upset, so preoccupied about preparing a nice meal. She has become high-strung, and even snaps at Jesus: "Lord are you not concerned that my sister has left me all alone to do the household tasks? Tell her to help me."

Note how Martha's nagging indicates her closeness with Jesus. You would say that only to someone who's close. No wonder, nagging women, including domineering nuns, are figuratively called "Martha's."

Christ gently reproves her: "Martha, Martha! You fret and worry about so many things, but just one thing is needed. Mary has chosen the best portion." (Lk 10:41) The Lord's statement obviously does not mean contempt for her household preoccupation. After all, Martha's VIP guest is the Lord Himself. Rather it's because Martha's all-consuming attention centered on the kitchen.

When Jesus defended Mary before her sister, He dramatizes that we should not neglect the other need which is spiritual. That's why He said elsewhere in the Scriptures: "Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

There's a father who came to a parent-teacher meeting, after which he talked with one of his son's

teachers. The father broke down and began to cry. After he regained his composure, the father apologized, saying, "My son no longer lives with me. But I still love him, and I want to know how he's doing in school."

The father then told the teacher how his wife and four children had left him. He was a building contractor and sometimes worked 16 hours a day. Naturally, he saw little of his family, and they slowly grew farther and farther apart.

Then the father confided something sad, saying: "I wanted to buy my wife and kids all those things I had dreamed of giving them. But in the process, I got so involved in work that I forgot about what they needed most: a father who was around at nights to give them love and support."

In our modern times, there is indeed a subtler enemy that can erode a family — WORK. More than that, it can also erode our relationship with God.

The Sunday gospel is a timely reminder that in the midst of our hectic, worldly preoccupations of making a living, we should never overlook the other concern—"the best part"—sitting at the feet of the Lord in prayer, listening to Him, and being nourished by his words.

Fr. Bel San Luis, SVD

