

Weekend of July 25

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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.

Sycuan:

Sunday: Sunday Mass 12:00 noon @ the Church

Confessions: By appointment only



Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony Pico, Dolly Albano, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, 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, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Eugene "Gino" Vicaldo, Skylar Rosas, Richard Padua, Irmira Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Jan Jacobs, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Cameron Welch, Delia Villa
Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

"All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully."

-St. Ignatius of Loyola

Sunday, August 1 – 10:30 AM at Viejas. Special mass for our beloved musician, Romer Fajota. Lunch to follow.

Sunday, August 15 – 8:00 AM, Barona, Mass in honor of the Feast Day of the Mission. Followed by coffee and donuts.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the [celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly](#) beginning in 2021 on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The announcement of this celebration coincides with the celebration of the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family, which began on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph the husband of Mary, on March 19, 2021, and will conclude at the World Meeting of Families in Rome in June of 2022.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, you are my hope and my confidence, you have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of

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the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

PASTOR'S DESK

God Works Miracles through Us

A reflection on the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There was a very beautiful and uplifting article about a man who worked at a highway tollgate in America. He was a very cheerful person, and he loved to spread his cheer to others. And so, whenever someone passed through the gate, he always smiled and greeted them. He also had a very good memory. One day, remembering that a certain driver who always wore glasses had none, he asked him: "Where is your glasses"? To another, a truck driver with a load of big logs, he said, "Wow that looks really heavy!" After a few weeks, an interesting thing happened. The cars at this man's tollgate formed a longer line than at all the other tollgates. People liked this man very much, and they wanted to see his smile and be greeted by him. ("Evangelize with a smile").

When we think about it, the man working at the tollgate did not do anything spectacular. He simply smiled at all those who passed through the gate and greeted them in a friendly way. But that simple gesture and those few words of encouragement were very important. It made a deep impression on people and gave them a boost.

We see something very similar in today's gospel story. First, it is significant, I think, that all of four gospel writers tell us about this event. It is also important that, although the account of each one differs a little, they all mention two basic facts: there were five loaves of bread and two fish. And with that small amount of food, Jesus was able to feed at least five thousand people. This means that Jesus performed a very great miracle with very little resources. Although

there were only a few loaves of bread and two fish, He fed a very large crowd of people until they were satisfied. (Example: works of mercy – corporal and spiritual).

Each one of us is very powerful. We can change the lives of a whole community simply by a cheerful attitude. If we add faith to our cheerfulness, there is no limit to what we can do.

At first, the disciples lacked faith. They felt that there was not enough food for so many people. But then Jesus taught them that if they had faith, they could do anything.

This, I believe, is what Jesus wants to tell us in today's gospel. When we have faith, we become extremely powerful. Why? Because when we act with faith, we are allowing God Himself to work in and through us.

Jesus wants to do great things through us. May we open ourselves to His grace so that he can accomplish whatever he wishes through us,

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