

# Weekend of July 26, 2020 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thank you so much for your continued support.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PARTICIPATE IN MASS

by livestreaming with Fr. Herman

*Please note weekday Mass time change*

Weekdays, Tues-Friday at 8:00 AM,

Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel

### New Mass Schedule due to the covid-19 guidelines

*Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM Barona @ the Shrine*

*Sunday 8:00AM Barona @ the Shrine*

*Sunday 10:30 AM Viejas @ the Shrine*

*Sycuan-No mass until further notice*

### Persevering Through God's Strength Prayer

Almighty Father, In You our God we find the support we need to carry on in life. We gather the strength we need to endure the hardships life brings. Our own physical capabilities and our motivational drives may fail us many times, but You faithfully rescue us. You are the Source of the strength we most need. Rid my heart of fear, knowing You are always with me. Clear my mind of troubling thoughts, knowing You are my Almighty God, the Foundational Rock, and Strength of my heart. Amen.

### COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who contracted coronavirus,  
We pray for care and healing.  
for those who are particularly vulnerable,  
we pray for safety and protection.  
for all who experience fear or anxiety,  
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.  
For affected families who are facing difficult  
decisions between food on the table or public  
safety,

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. @ Shrine

**Confessions:** By appointment only.

#### Sycuan:

**Sunday:** No Sunday Mass until further notice

**Confessions:** By appointment only



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, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Eugene "Gino" Vicaldo, Skylar Rosas, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Crispin Echiverri, Elvira Hapin

*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

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We pray for policies that recognize their plight.  
 For those who do not have adequate health insurance,  
 We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.  
 For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,  
 We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.  
 For our brothers and sisters around the world,  
 We pray for shared solidarity.  
 For public officials and decision makers,  
 We pray for wisdom and guidance.  
 Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.  
 Grant Peace.  
 Grant Comfort.  
 Grant Healing.  
 Be with us, Lord.  
 Amen.

- My Catholic Life



## What Is Your Greatest Treasure?

Reflection on the Seventeenth Sunday

There's a story about a young man, who heard of the saying, "At the end of the rainbow, you will find a pot of gold." He traveled far to find out if that was really true. At the end of his long search, he ended up deeply disappointed because he did not find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow but only useless rocks! It dawned on him that one cannot just get something of value without risking something in return.

In this 16th Sunday's parable of the buried treasure and pearl of great price (Mt 13:44-46), Jesus relates that the farmer and merchant risked everything, selling their properties in order to acquire the land and pearl.

There is a swimming athlete who religiously practices two solid hours in the morning. She goes afterwards to school. Then she returns to swim again for another

two hours. She goes home, eats a late supper, and falls into bed exhausted. The next morning, she does the same routine. When asked why she goes through such a rigorous discipline. Her answer: To win the gold medal. Here's a girl who is willing to sacrifice everything: Her recreation, socials, and personal comforts, to achieve a goal.

But no matter what worldly goal we may have in life, nothing should eclipse our supreme goal and treasure of achieving God's Kingdom.

What are the values you treasure most? Is it money, pleasure, fame? It would be unrealistic and hypocritical of us to consider these as nothing. We need money for our necessities, especially in these hard times. However, God reminds us in today's parable that we should never overlook our greatest treasure – friendship with God.

Fame, worldly possessions are fleeting and ephemeral. This reminds me of a priest who was once invited by a very rich man to his posh mansion. While the man was showing his vast estate, the priest remarked, "Yes, it's remarkable. But none of this belongs to you." The rich man was peeved. "What do you mean, Father?" he said. "You mean these lands are not mine?" The priest replied: "Ask me that question 100 years from now."

There is another insight in Jesus' parable. It says the farmer who discovered the treasure went away with joy and sold everything he had in order to buy the land.

The Lord is telling us that our giving up, our service should be characterized by the spirit of joy. It should animate a follower of Christ even if it entails giving up for free his treasure, time, talent.

There are three kinds of givers – duty giver, grudge or reluctant giver and cheerful giver.

Which giver are you? In our pursuit for money, fame and power, we should never forget that priceless pearl, that greatest treasure that the Lord is telling us today.

Do we work consciously to include that in our life's agenda and resolve to attain it at all cost? Is your

quest for God's kingdom characterized by a joyful spirit?

If the answer is no, then it's high time to refocus your true goal in life.

-Fr, Bel R. San Luis, SVD