

## Weekend of July 28

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).

### **Viejas:**

**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....**

Vicaldo Family, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Robert and Margie Cruz, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, George Arviso, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Romero Family, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Paolo Espiritu, John Clark, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas, Bennett Zerrudo, Mark Noriega, Carol Richardson, Nancy Rourke, Colleen Crowden, Jeff Ashii, Pamela Nolan CSC, Rosario and Paul Estepa, Haley Price, Mark Marquez, Lulu Cabinatan, Michael Martinez, Fr. Earl Henley, MSC, Caroline Mendoza, Connie Devera, Don Speer, Meta Roubedeaux, Eileen Hansotte, Deacon Clarke  
*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Wednesday, August 14** – Classes resume with Mark Price at Viejas and Barona.

**Wednesday, September 4** – Classes will resume with Alyssa Parada at Barona.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## August

**Sunday, August 4** – Children's mass at all reservations.

**Wednesday, August 7** – 5:00 PM, 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Barona Mission meeting at Barona church office.

**Sunday, August 18** – 10:00 AM, 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Barona Mission Church, all reservations are invited to this celebration. Bishop Ramon Bejarano will be the celebrant. Mass, lunch, music and childrens activities are scheduled.

## **BLESSING OF GRANDPARENTS**

(Fourth Sunday of July is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, as instituted by Pope Francis)

*Lord God Almighty,  
Bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

- Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

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There is a unity in the faith, for we are made one in Christ Jesus. No matter our call, we are urged to foster a deep unity in the Church so that we might boldly proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

### **Making a Miracle Possible: Jesus In Us Helping The Needy** A reflection on the **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In our readings today, we hear of two instances where crowds are being fed with only a few barley loaves and some fish. In the First Reading, Elisha's visitor had two barley loaves for one hundred people. In the Gospel, five thousand were following Jesus and a boy in attendance had five barley loaves and two fish. That is ridiculous! No one can feed five thousand people with a few barley loaves and two fish. However, the gospel tells us that it really happened.

We hear these readings each year and we probably do not pay much attention to them. When we walk out of Church this Sunday and someone not Catholic asks us, "What was the message of the gospel today? And you told him, "The message was that Jesus Christ fed five thousand people with two barley loaves and two fish," How do you think he will respond? He might probably say, "But that's impossible! No one can do that!"

Well, we say, "He did it. Jesus performed miracles, not to boast or glorify himself but to tell the Jewish people that what He taught was the TRUTH. So what do today's two messages mean to us? It means that we, too, should respond as to what Jesus did by asking, "How can I help others who are in need?"

We cannot turn two fish and some barley loaves into a meal for five thousand people but we can use what we have to help others who are less fortunate than us. Well, each year, we ask for collection for people who are poor not only in the United States but to the whole world such as the Black and Indian Communities, Food for the Poor, Peter's Pence to help the ministries of the Pope. When I was in Pala Mission before, I, was in charge for distributing food to the less fortunate, provided meals for the poor people around the Church.

When we hear of Jesus helping the less fortunate, He is asking us, "What have you done for those in need? Have you left your homes to go to the areas of the community where people are hungry, where a food pantry provides groceries for families with children who

depend on others for help, can find clothing that is donated by many who don't need it any more but whose generosity can make a huge difference to those children whose parents don't have the ability to buy them what they need?

Think for a moment about our closets at home. Are there articles of clothing that we haven't worn for some time ..... are their clothes that don't fit us any more ..... is there furniture that the less fortunate would be thrilled to have? That is what Jesus is saying to all of us today. Instead of just listening to these two readings, why not discuss what you can do while you drive home today. Ask your children, "Are there some things you have that you don't need but you think others might look upon your gift as the best piece of clothing they've ever owned.

When you are eating lunch or dinner today, think of what those same meals would mean to those who are hungry. I would ask that the young people here respectfully ask your parent, "Mom, Dad, do you think we have clothing, food or furniture that we'll never use that we could give to others who are in need if it?"

Instead of leaving Mass and not even thinking of what Jesus did or not realizing that His messages and miracles are meant for us to emulate, let the whole family discuss how His message applies to us and how each member of the family can be just like Jesus ..... give something to someone who needs it more than we do. That's particularity true of things each of us will never use again.

What our congregation here today can accomplish is minds boggling. WE may say, "Well other people should take care of themselves." Did Jesus say that to the thousands that were following Him. Did He say, "Well, my sermon is over, now go down to McDonald's and get something to eat?" Even Phillip commented, in effect, "There's nothing we can do. Even 200 hundred days wages would not be enough for each of them to have a little." Jesus response? "Have the people recline and we will show them what we can do."

What if we who are this morning, had the same thought. If we said, "What, as a parish, can we do? Can we rival Jesus' miracle by bonding together to help others?"

"Again, I would ask the sons and daughters here this morning to ask your parents, "Do you think we could be of help to others who don't have what we have?" Following Jesus' example, "Do you think that's what Jesus is asking us to do? We'll help as much as we can."

So, please have the whole family ask the question, "Could we do what Jesus did?" I think He would answer, "Of course. In my name. Everyone can perform miracles."