

# Weekend of July 31, 2022

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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 12:30 noon @ the Church  
**Confessions:** By appointment only

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

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Jesus calls us to be generous with the gifts that he has given. When we share our treasures with others, we will have true treasure in heaven.

#### 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, 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, Bobby Curo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Billy Brown, Robert and Margie Cruz, Gina Curo, Rick Lechner, Mark Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, Xien Cabanero  
*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

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### PRAYER FOR HEALING

God, today we lift up those who are fighting disease, whether in mind or body. When they want to give up, give them fresh strength and courage. Comfort them in times of pain, give them peace in times of fear and bless them with your healing touch.

In Jesus' name, Amen!

#### 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](mailto:judy.otm@gmail.com)) for Adult classes or for more information regarding classes.

### PASTOR'S DESK

# The Joy of Being God-Centered

## A reflection on 18<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

All three of our readings including the psalm on the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time point to the never-ending joy of being God-centered in our lives versus being materially and worldly centered.

Ecclesiastes (also known as *Qoheleth*) was probably written between 300 B.C. and 200 B.C. Solomon is often given as its author in keeping with a tradition that he is the source of Israel's wisdom. The sentence "Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!" is famous for its power to remind us that in comparison with the things of God, human endeavors are fleeting and insubstantial. (The word for "vanity" in Hebrew means "vapor," and thus the author of Ecclesiastes gives us a vivid picture of human activity as amounting to nothing so much as water vapor that rises into the air and is quickly dispersed.) The passage selected in the liturgy goes on to apply this view even to the legitimate wealth gained by hard work. Death normally forces one who has toiled legitimately to leave the results of his toil to someone else, possibly to one who has not toiled at all.

The responsorial psalm replies to this somber but very realistic view by giving another realistic view that is not somber: the presentation of God as the one who gives us salvation. That is to say, the really important reality which is beyond any human power to reach is given freely by God to those who are willing to accept it by listening to God's word.

In the second reading St. Paul urges us to keep our eyes on Christ, who enjoys authority with God in heaven. The life won by Christ is the only truly imperishable treasure available to us. But it is a treasure which can be thrown away by serious sin. The opposite of running a risk of losing this life by committing serious sin is to set our sight on Christ and attempt to model our lives on His virtues. The more we "put on" our new self (the image is of putting on a fresh set of clothes) by

working with God's help to acquire virtues exemplified in Christ, the more certain we are that we shall eventually join Christ in heaven for all eternity.

The passage from Luke's Gospel begins by taking up the theme introduced by Ecclesiastes in the first reading: unnecessary abundance of material goods is no final guarantee of possession of the riches which really matter. The parable of the rich fool illustrates how fleeting the possession of material riches can be. Our goal should be to make ourselves rich with the things which God considers to be riches.

Once I see what the inspired word of God wishes to teach me, it is up to me to see how this teaching can be applied to my life. A certain amount of material possessions is necessary in life. But the search for such possessions can easily degenerate into a mindless quest for more and more and still more. This is a well-known fact that many people spend their lives looking for ever larger bank accounts, ever grander life styles, ever richer friends. The fact that they feel compelled to engage in this endless quest is itself an indication of how unsatisfactory such goals are. That which is not yet possessed always seems more desirable than what already is. The process is never-ending. The single-minded quest of subordinating everything to a search for Jesus Christ is the only really satisfying way to live a Christian life, and the more single-mindedly it is centered on Christ, the more content the Christian will be. Christ is endlessly fascinating, but only to those who experience the search for him in the way they live.

Think about. More to the point, pray about it.