

Weekend of August 6
Transfiguration of the Lord

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, Wendy Reyes, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks, Sam Halabo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Robert and Margie Cruz, Rick Lechner, Mike Wise, Neil Quizon, Jim Hughes, Mary Begay, Tonito Arcangel, Juliet Ray, George Arviso, Rose Ramos, Zita Haygood, Lilly Gautreaux, Mark Noriega, Juan Miguel, Bert Zita, Jim Hughes, Laurie Boedicker, Aspen Sergin, Robert Laurel, Janet Vilareal, Romero Family, Annie McTavish, John Francis, Orlando Nicolas, Blanca Lechner, Virginia Brynwood, Paolo Espiritu, John Clark, Kevin Bethsayag, Tyre Nichols, Steve TeSam, Jeanette Garcia, Mike Banegas

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes will begin in September 2023.

Please contact church office at

619-443-3412 or bktparish@aol.com for registration papers.



Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM, Barona.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel

****AUGUST****

Sunday, August 13 - 10 AM, Barona – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary mass, lunch to follow. One mass for all reservations..

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“Lord, it is good that we are here.” It is always good to be in the presence of God.

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On the Feast of the Transfiguration

You shed light for your disciples, Lord Jesus, on the way of the Cross, when they contemplated you on the mountain. Lead us today along this way of lowliness and glory, for you are the Beloved Son, who has the words of eternal life, and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

The Excessive Goodness of Jesus **A reflection on the 18th Sunday** **in Ordinary Time**

It is getting late. The crowds are drained, restless, and hungry. So are Jesus and his team. The disciples then come up to Jesus with a sensible suggestion: “Dismiss the multitude so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.”

It is a good advice. Whoever thought of the idea would make a good minister of finance or economic adviser. As Alan Greenspan or any thinking economist would tell us, feeding a crowd numbering more than five thousand is a logistical nightmare.

Sending the people away to fend for themselves is therefore the most practical thing to do. Besides the available resources are laughable scarce: five loaves and two fishes.

Anyway, the people wouldn't complain; they would understand.

But Jesus ignores the advice. He disciples are flabbergasted. What? Feed them? Are you kidding Lord?

Of course, the Lord is not kidding. He is dead serious—although He is being very impractical in terms of human calculation. What is Jesus' motivation in giving the disciples the marching order of feeding the people?

The reason is simple. He was deeply *moved with pity* for the crowds who are dirt poor, famished, desperate, and weary, like sheep without a shepherd. Seeing them, he is *heartbroken*, in fact. He is so unlike our dimwitted, callous and irredeemably corrupt politicians who exploit our people and rob them blind.

Jesus has got an incurable “weakness.” Whenever He is moved with pity he does a lot of unreasonable things. He writes off sins without penance (like what He did to the woman caught in adultery): He raises his dear friend Lazarus back to life; He sends the thief hanging on a cross to Heaven without even consulting God the Father, etc., etc., etc.

And now, he feeds the crowds of over five thousand because He is moved with pity. He is *Divine Mercy* in person.

Of all the human sentiments, the feeling of pity or compassion or mercy is the most altruistic because it does not only make one feel for the suffering of the other; it also urges one to relieve and remove suffering.

The multiplication of the bread, however, is not a capricious or sentimental act of Jesus. It has a character of divine revelation. It proves that God really *cares* for us. It shows that God's goodness exceeds the measure of all human expectations, even filling u “twelve wicker baskets full” of leftovers.

It all points out to the deeper reality that although Jesus can easily fulfill bodily needs with a snap of His fingers, He can also—more importantly—satisfy the hunger of the human heart—the hunger for justice, truth, mercy, peace, happiness, etc.

Jesus is indeed the *Bread of Life*.


The multiplication of the bread also prefigures the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. It was also at twilight when Jesus held with his disciples his last meal during which he *took* the bread, *looked* up to heaven, gave *thanks* broke it, and *gave* it to his disciples.

By feeding the hungry crowds, Jesus likewise shows that the little we do to relieve the burden of the other matters a lot because He can make a miracle out of that *little*.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta started with *little* in her humble service to the old and the dying in the streets of India and God made wondrous things through her.

We are also called to “feed” the “crowds” by our act of kindness ad sacrifice. That too, is a miracle.

Fr. Raymun Festin, SVD
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