

Weekend of August 8, 2021

Nineteenth 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, Irmina 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.

"The ordinary acts we practice every day at home are of more importance to the soul than their simplicity might suggest."

- St. Thomas More

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

Blessing of a Classroom or School

God, our Teacher and Guide,
Your wisdom is greater
Than our minds can comprehend, yet you give
us the ability to learn and seek truth.

We give you thanks for this classroom/school
for forming our youth.

Make it a place where students and teachers
search for your knowledge; make it a shelter
where young people discover the best of
themselves;

Make it a home where all can grow together
in wisdom; and make it a dwelling of light for
all who seek to serve you.

May the teachers be blessed with compassion
and patience; the staff be filled with joy and
peace; and the students be charged with
curiosity and courage to make this this world
a home where hope endures.

We ask this in the name of the One who is
wisdom beyond all understanding, Lord for
ever and ever. Amen.

-
Diana Macalintal

PASTOR'S DESK

Becoming Christ to the World

**A reflection on the 19th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Life is about survival. The desire to live in spite of setbacks. Many sick patients recover and continue to live because they desire to live. They love life and live it to the fullest. They never give up on themselves or others. Most of all, they have faith in God.

Our first reading is a story of hardship from the Book of Kings. Elijah, becomes discouraged, tired and depressed. Although he had defeated the prophets of the pagan god, Baal, his victory was short-lived. Queen Jezebel was a follower of Baal and had threatened Elijah's life, so he fled. We find him wandering in the desert, tired, hungry and praying for death. But God has other things in mind for Elijah, who has remained faithful when all others had turned away from God. Rather than allow him to die, God sends an angel to take care of Elijah. Twice Elijah is fed before continuing his long journey to the mountain of God, Horeb (or Sinai), where he will have an intimate encounter with God.

Today's Gospel of John deepens the theme of life and hope. It is no longer an angel who comes speaking words of life and hope. It is the Son of God, the One who came down from Heaven, sent by the Father to draw all people to God.

The food He offers for our journey is not mere bread and water. It is "bread from Heaven", which alone is able to satisfy that deepest of all human hungers, the hunger for life. Jesus is the one offering us life, offering new meaning and purpose, offering new hope. As food for our journey. He offers His very self.

It is through Jesus that our deepest longings and hopes are fulfilled. We hunger and thirst for so much – for love, for acceptance, for forgiveness, for meaning, in a word, we long for life. Jesus said: "I came that they may have life and have it to the fullest." Jesus is the only one able to offer us real life – eternal life.

Jesus says that He is truly the "bread of life", reminding the people that the manna in the desert provided nourishment only for a day, not for eternity. But the bread of Jesus gives life forever.

If we feed on Christ, if we believe in Him and learn from Him, His life will become part of our life. We are called to allow His love to continue to work through us and His love will go out into the world and touch people's lives, to let the hope Christ offers to shine and allow His peace and forgiveness to be

extended to others, to allow His concern for the poor and the weak, the outcast and despised.

Jesus offers to let us participate in His life now. He invites us to be part of Him, for He wants His flesh to give life to the world now, through us. He seeks to help people on their journey towards God, towards fullness of life, to sustain people, to offer new hope, to bring purpose and confidence to a bruised and often battered people. This is the life Jesus offers and He offers it, not just to us, but through us to the world.

The journey we make and the time we set aside to celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday is important for the development of our faith. If we are to imitate God as Paul asks us to do in the second reading, then we need to become encouraged and challenged by his words and be fed by the bread of life. This gift is freely given, not because we are the holiest of people but because we are trying to be holy in spite of the troubles and struggles we experience along the way.

Elijah was downcast but a word of encouragement and some food renewed his vigor for the journey of faith. The word of God and bread of life don't give us a false joy and hope or remove the struggles but we are given strength to cope, to hope and to win through. In the words of the psalmist, we are able to "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

