

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2024

You are just, O God;  
Your judgement is just!

## Masses For The Week

**Sun 28 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
08:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)  
+Eusebio Rodriguez, Jr. (Mancha Family)

**Thr 01 St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor**  
12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When “the people saw the sign” of the multiplication of the loaves, they exclaimed: “This is truly the Prophet.” When we follow the Psalmist’s word and “call upon him in truth,” we can be sure that our Lord will provide what we need. The way we “live in a manner worthy of our call” is to trust completely in the Lord’s goodness, thanking him and blessing him like the Psalmist, ready to carry his blessings with us “so that nothing will be wasted.” We share with others the love of Christ that we have first received by “bearing with one another through love.”

### The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for  
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

# Good News!

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
2 Kings 4:42-44 / Ephesians 4:1-6 / John 6:1-15

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The radio program discussed whether Americans thought they were better or worse off today than one year ago. As you might expect, opinions were divided. Some believed we were better off—inflation had dropped 6 percentage points to about 3 percent, and while prices were higher, so were most wages. Others believed the opposite—many costs had risen, especially food, as well as big-ticket items like homes and cars. One of the panelists then suggested what she knew would be an unpopular opinion: while there were many still struggling to make ends meet and did not have enough, there were others who, because of the pandemic supplement, began to overspend and now could not maintain their lifestyle. Her opinion was that, for many, it was not an issue of having enough, but rather wanting too much and a lack of proper budgeting.

When Jesus fed the people gathered by the mountain, he provided not a feast but bread and fish, which was enough for them all. This is how God feeds us each day, with enough. We rise each morning sleepy, yet with enough energy to get us through the day. Our health may not be what it once was, but there is enough to keep us going. Our prayer may seem routine and lacking in heavenly inspiration, but somehow it seems to be enough for us to continue living with faith. God does feed us, not always with the abundance we may desire, but always with enough of what we need. ●

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The hand  
of the LORD  
feeds us

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### LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Olga Gonzalez, Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Mario Garcia, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, and Armando Colchado.



OPENING MASS FOR THE SILVER  
ANNIVERSARY YEAR

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2024

6:00 PM

SAN AGUSTÍN CATHEDRAL

Celebrating the 24th  
anniversary of the Diocese of  
Laredo and the beginning of  
the 25th anniversary year.



DIOCESE OF LAREDO

25 YEARS

ADELANTE UNIDOS



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HE FED THE MULTITUDES  
WITH THE POWER OF HIS WORDS

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Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 841.00

Loose: \$ 29.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 00.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 870.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 164.85

# Dear Padre

July 28, 2024

## Is there really an unforgivable sin?

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches that blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven (Matthew 12:31-32, Mark 3:28-29, Luke 12:10). This seems to imply the existence of a sin that God either cannot or will not forgive. Yet we have the overwhelming testimony of the Scriptures and Church teaching that God's mercy and forgiveness are more powerful than any sin, no matter how serious or frequent it might be. This apparent contradiction disappears when we carefully consider the context of Jesus' teaching on the "unforgivable sin."

Jesus' statements regarding blasphemy against the Holy Spirit occurred as part of his ongoing dispute with the scribes and Pharisees who witnessed Jesus' exorcisms but attributed them to the power of Satan, thus denying the evidence of the Spirit's saving action in Jesus' work and teaching (Matthew 12:22-32). This denial is not simply a misunderstanding. Rather, it is willful, malicious, deliberate, and unrepentant. For such people, there can truly be no forgiveness, not because God is unwilling or unable to forgive, but because the people will not recognize their need for forgiveness.

The "unforgivable sin" is not an action so horrible that even God's patience and mercy are exhausted. Rather, it is the attitude of people who reject the Lord's presence in their lives. God's offer of forgiveness is still universal. We need only respond to his grace and seek his forgiveness. ●

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JESUS TOOK THE LOAVES  
OF BREAD, GAVE THANKS AND  
PASSED THEM TO THOSE  
RECLINING THERE.



HE DID THE SAME WITH THE DRIED FISH  
AS MUCH AS THEY WANTED.

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