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Newsletter – April 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In this month of April, we have celebrated the Paschal Triduum, Easter Sunday ... and we continue to celebrate the Easter season until the Solemnity of Pentecost. The liturgical celebrations of the holy week and the Easter vigil, the mother of all vigils, may have been tiring and overwhelming to many of us but admittedly, the “greatest and most noble” of all our Church’s liturgical celebrations. I was amazed at how well attended our liturgical services were. Thanks to all of you who not only attended, but also helped in the preparations for the services!

The liturgical celebrations must have inspired so many of you because not one seemed too tired to immediately get into the preparations for our rummage sale. Your enthusiasm was contagious and got me excited receiving the goods to be sold making me forget how tired I was. Furthermore, I was inspired and grateful for the teamwork shown by Jane Cauley, Gary and Nancy Graves, Bernardo and Laura Martinez, Maria and Philemon Sanchez, Veronica Diaz, Doug Ebert, Barbara Bianchi and many others who helped. They worked so hard lifting heavy appliances and furniture, sorting out things and organizing them accordingly.

Thank you, too, to those who donated, supported and bought items at the rummage sale. You all contributed to the success of the event and I am so glad that we were able to raise funds not only for the parish projects but also to be of help to those who are in need of assistance!

I was told that this project is called “One Man’s Trash is Another Man’s Treasure.” But I feel that many of you also donated goods that are truly valuable to you. Such is the spirit of the St. Joseph family, giving something of value, giving one’s best to help others. Your generosity is very commendable!

While some parishioners have left our parish, they continue to share their blessings with us. Allow me to name a few: Don & Kathryn Nielson from Temple City, CA; Bruce Chase from San Francisco; Tom and Bettye McKinstry from Kentucky; Steve Williams from Oregon; Kathleen Mahoney from Montana; and Robert Arata from Belmont, CA. I am truly grateful for their kindness and generosity for not forgetting the St. Joseph family.

Our small parish may not be materially rich but we are blessed with parishioners with big hearts! A couple treated me for dinner at the Rosales Market in Middletown and during our conversation, I was told that I should make a wish list for the parish needs. Well, I did announce a few such as lighting around the Church, an incense stand and other sacristy needs and garden soil, among others! And lo and behold, Francisco Cervantes fixed and provided lights around the Church, Hubert Fernande provided an incense stand, Jose and Sonia Ramirez gave a candle cup, Juvenal Campus provided us with garden soil and many more of you responding to the needs of our parish. Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen in our midst!

Every time I pray, I get inspiration from Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Joseph to build a grotto for them. Is this God’s way of telling me to also provide a prayer area outside the Church? A garden where one can spend a quiet time in prayer? Entrusting to Our Lady of Guadalupe and to St. Joseph the projects of our Parish, including a grotto in their honor ... and that God may abundantly pour His blessings upon all parishioners and families in our community. God’s will be done! To God be the glory!

In His service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Lawrence Mendoza".

Rev. Fr. Lawrence Mendoza
Pastor, St. Joseph Parish

Mass Times

St. Joseph

Tuesday – Friday
8:30 a.m.

Sunday's at 9:30 a.m.
and
4:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Our Lady of the Lake Loch Lomond

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Pines

Closed for the Season.



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Annual Ministry Appeal 2023 UPDATE

Our goal for 2023 is \$12,480 and we are happy to announce our pledges are now at \$10,731 which represents 48 families who have donated. We have \$1749 to go to meet our goal. You can donate online at www.srdiocese.org (click the GIVE link at top right of website and make sure you select St. Joseph Middletown when giving). Please contact our office for additional information.

March 2023 Collection Totals			
	1st	2nd	Total
3/5/2023	\$1,832.50	\$2,443.00	\$ 4,275.50
3/12/2023	\$ 994.00	\$1,224.00	\$ 2,218.00
3/19/2023	\$1,272.00	\$1,213.00	\$ 2,485.00
03/24-25/2023	\$ 451.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 452.00
3/26/2023	\$1,495.00	\$2,322.00	\$ 3,817.00
Total	\$6,044.50	\$7,203.00	\$13,247.50

Our Summer Banquet will be held on Saturday, June 24th at the Greenview Bar & Grill beginning at 5 o'clock.

Tickets will be on sale soon. Mark the date on your calendar.
More information coming soon.



Please pray for the sick in our parish... and those who care for them.... Larry Boll, Lourdes Borzoni, Brendan "Ben" Coyne, Michael Davis, Chris Eergz, Alysia Hash, Jasmine Hash, Ron Hays, John Johnson, Jane Kloppenburg, Judy Knight, Helen Kruljac, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, Jodie Niezgoda, Karen Ness, Don Nielsen, Andres Ochoa, Russ Oertel, Joaquina Ortega, Tyrone Rivera, Melody Royvel, Kirt Smartt, Judith Spears, Debbie Spicart, Leslie Thomas, Toni Vecellio and special intentions for all who suffer from cancer.



First Holy Communion is scheduled for
Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
St. Joseph, Middletown

Congratulations to everyone on the success of the Rummage Sale. Proceeds totaled \$5,288