

# St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

## Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

May 14, 2023

707 987-3676



### Pastoral Staff

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza, Pastor  
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### Schedule of Services:

**Reconciliation** By Appointment

### Baptisms

Preparation for parents required: See  
Pastor after Mass

### Marriages

By appointment at least six months in  
advance

### Anointing of the Sick

For those who are elderly, seriously  
ill, or scheduled for surgery, please  
call the parish office.

### Parish Office Hours:

Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
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**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!**

### MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady of the Lake – 12836 Hwy 175, Loch Lomond  
Saturday Mass 4:00 pm  
St. Joseph Church  
Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m. (English)  
4:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
St. Joseph Church  
Weekday Mass Tuesday through Friday 8:30 p.m. (English)  
Fridays 9:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)  
7:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

## **The Lord prepares us for the coming of the Paraclete**

Guest Writer: **Hubert Fernande**

Jesus prepares his disciples (including us) for his impending departure with the instruction, " if you love Me, you will keep My commandments". He further states, the Father will send another messenger identified as the Spirit of Truth, which is the Holy Spirit, for "I will not leave you orphans".

In the first reading many of the Samaritans became Christians after witnessing the miracles Phillip performed through the Holy Spirit, casting out unclean spirits and healing paralyzed and crippled people. Hearing that the people of Samaria were accepting the Word, Peter and John prayed with them, laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' sacrifice will not be forgotten or in vain. He offers us an advocate, the Holy Spirit, (the Spirit of Truth). If we love Him and obey Him, He will never leave us. Jesus states " in a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me. You are in Me and I in you", Here we see the message of love which is the tie that binds us to each other and to Him.

The world which districts us from Christ because it focuses on earthly things; money, power, pride, greed, and immediate gratification, can become an obstacle to Him. God gives us the commandments, not to bully us, but because He knows that is how we will be truly happy. Jesus says, "the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father". We experience this type of love today when we observe a stranger or friend showing kindness to our loved one. We in turn show our love for them. How much more will the Father love us if we love, obey and defend His Son, Jesus? Especially in this world which appears to be so upside down.

The Good News is, Jesus came to forgive and reconcile, not for retribution. How Blessed we are! How do we show our love for Jesus?

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## **El Señor nos prepara para la venida del Paráclero**

Escritor invitado: **Hubert Fernande**

Jesús prepara a sus discípulos (incluidos nosotros) para su inminente partida con la instrucción de: "si me aman, guardarán mis mandamientos". Además, afirma que el Padre enviará a otro mensajero identificado como el Espíritu de la Verdad, que es el Espíritu Santo, ya que "no los dejaré huérfanos".

En la primera lectura, muchos de los samaritanos se convirtieron en cristianos después de presenciar los milagros que Felipe realizó a través del Espíritu Santo, expulsando espíritus impuros y sanando a personas paralizadas y lisiadas. Al oír que el pueblo de Samaria estaba aceptando la Palabra, Pedro y Juan oraron con ellos, les pusieron las manos encima y recibieron el Espíritu Santo.

El sacrificio de Jesús no será olvidado ni será en vano. Él nos ofrece un defensor, el Espíritu Santo, (el Espíritu de la Verdad). Si lo amamos y lo obedecemos, nunca nos dejará. Jesús afirma "en poco tiempo el mundo ya no me verá, pero tú me verás. Tú estás en mí y yo en ti", Aquí vemos el mensaje de amor, que es el lazo que nos une el uno al otro y a Él.

El mundo que nos rige sobre Cristo se centra en las cosas terrenales como; el dinero, el poder, el orgullo, la codicia y la gratificación inmediata, pueden convertirse en un obstáculo para Él. Dios nos da los mandamientos, no para intimidarnos, sino porque sabe que así es como seremos verdaderamente felices. Jesús dice: "el que me ama será amado por mi Padre". Experimentamos este tipo de amor hoy en día cuando observamos a un extraño o amigo mostrando amabilidad a nuestro ser querido. A su vez, mostramos nuestro amor por ellos. ¿Cuánto más nos amará el Padre si amamos, obedecemos y defendemos a Su Hijo Jesús? Especialmente en este mundo que parece estar tan al revés.

La buena noticia es que Jesús vino a perdonar y reconciliar, no a retribución. ¡Qué bendecidos somos! ¿Cómo demostramos nuestro amor por Jesús?

**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.**

**Our Lady of the Pines** outdoor church will open this year on Memorial Day, May 28. Mass time will be at 11:30 a.m. and will continue every Sunday until Labor day Weekend, September 3. Fr. Lawrence is asking for volunteers to help with opening and closing the church every Sunday. Please contact Father or call the office.

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Envelopes available in the back of the church.

We will pray for our living and deceased mothers during all masses until early July. They gave us life and we should remember and pray for them.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Julissa Gonzales, Adrian Rojas, Jacqueline Abaca, Sergio Vazquez and Alexia Torres, who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday May 6.**



**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
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**Saturday, June 24, 2023**


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*Proceeds from this fundraiser go towards paying the insurance for the Parish (which includes three churches and the rectory).*

**Mass Intentions** 

**May 13 through May 19, 2023**

**Saturday, May 13, 4:00 p.m.**  
George Cardona by Gloria Huck

**Sunday, May 14, 9:30 a.m.**  
Our brother & sisters in the Armed Forces  
Requested by Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

***Mass intentions available for all masses, envelopes in the back of both churches. Fill out and put in the collection basket or bring to the church.***

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