

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

May 21, 2023

707 987-3676



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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.
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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 a.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 Ascension

Guest Writer: Patricia Giacomini

Was he gone forever? Jesus knew that after witnessing his Ascension the Apostles might be wondering if that was their last encounter with Him. Forty days with Him after his resurrection, and now he was gone, again. Was He gone for good? He promised and instructed otherwise.

Before His Ascension, after gathering the Apostles, Jesus spoke of the coming of the Holy Spirit. They heard his final instructions before they saw him rise in a cloud and become invisible to them. We know this was not to be the end of the story. So much more was promised to them and so much more was commanded of them. Jesus gave them (and us) a new charge - to be his witnesses throughout the whole world, evangelizing his Word. As they stood mystified, two angels appeared calling them to focus! There is a new mission! Soon the Holy Spirit would descend on them giving them power to carry out this new mission.

As members of the Body of Christ the Holy Spirit is powerful in us and in our lives. We are fortified by the Sacraments and especially the Eucharist. With the Eucharist we maintain our intimate connection to our Lord and grace sufficient for this mission. If we call on the Holy Spirit, how can we fail? Every encounter and relationship offer us ways to make Christ's love present. Jesus is intimately part of us, and we are part of Him. The recipe for success is simple: be the love of Christ to everyone you meet in simple ways. See all with the compassionate eyes of Christ. St. Francis simplified the mission further: "preach the Gospel at all times; when necessary, use words."

Sounds daunting but be not afraid! "I am with you always until the end of the age." We walk with Jesus here on Earth as His witnesses and we look forward to being with Him in Heaven at the conclusion of this earthly part of our journey with Him. Come Holy Spirit and enkindle in us the fire of your Love!

La Ascensión

Escritor invitado: Patricia Giacomini

¿Se habría ido para siempre? Jesús sabía que después de presenciar su Ascensión, los Apóstoles podrían estar preguntándose si ese era su último encuentro con Él. Cuarenta días con Él después de su resurrección, y ahora se habría ido, de nuevo. ¿Se había ido para siempre? Prometió e instruyó lo contrario.

Antes de su Ascensión, después de reunir a los Apóstoles, Jesús habló de la venida del Espíritu Santo. Escucharon sus instrucciones finales antes de verlo levantarse en una nube y volverse invisible para ellos. Sabemos que este no iba a ser el final de la historia. Se les prometió mucho más y se les ordenó mucho más. Jesús les dio (y a nosotros) un nuevo cargo: ser sus testigos en todo el mundo, evangelizando su Palabra. ¡Mientras estaban parados y desconcertados, aparecieron dos ángeles llamándolos a concentrarse! ¡Hay una nueva misión! Pronto el Espíritu Santo descendería sobre ellos dándoles poder para llevar a cabo esta nueva misión.

Como miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, el Espíritu Santo es poderoso en nosotros y en nuestras vidas. Estamos fortificados por los Sacramentos y especialmente por la Eucaristía. Con la Eucaristía mantenemos nuestra íntima conexión con nuestro Señor y la gracia suficiente para esta misión. Si invocamos al Espíritu Santo, ¿cómo podemos fracasar? Cada encuentro y relación nos ofrece formas de hacer que el amor de Cristo sea un regalo. Jesús es íntimamente parte de nosotros, y nosotros somos parte de Él. La receta para el éxito es simple: sé el amor de Cristo con todos los que conozcas de maneras sencillas, mira a todos con los ojos compasivos de Cristo. St. Francisco simplificó aún más la misión: "predicar el Evangelio en todo momento; cuando sea necesario, usa palabras".

Suena desalentador, ¡pero no tengas miedo! "Siempre estaré contigo hasta el final de la edad". Caminamos con Jesús aquí en la tierra como sus testigos y esperamos estar con Él en el Cielo al final de esta parte terrenal de nuestro viaje con Él. ¡Ven, Espíritu Santo, y enciende en nosotros el fuego de tu amor!



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, Judy Knight, Helen Kruljac, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, Jodie Niezgoda, Karen Ness, Don Nielsen, Andres Ochoa, 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

Our outdoor church will open next weekend, Memorial Day, May 28, with mass being scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Mass 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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Another episode of The Chosen to be shown after 9:30 am mass today.

Coffee Social after the 9:30 am mass on Sunday, May 28.

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Our condolences to Esther Oertel on the loss of her husband. Russ passed away on May 17th. May he rest in Peace! And to Mary Ann Arnold on the loss of her sister, Jane Kloppenburg, who also passed away this past week. May she rest in Peace!

**Lake County Outdoor Passion Play
 3rd Weekend in May**

Saturday & Sunday, May 20th and 21st, 2023, at 4:00-6:00 PM

**Off Highway 29, about 4 miles
 north of Lakeport**

7010 Westlake Rd, Upper Lake CA, 95485
 Call: 707-263-0349

**Christian Play for People of all Faiths
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Please join us in the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ, here in beautiful Lake County, California. This has been rated THE BEST outdoor Passion Play in the world, by various spectators. The Passion Play is a prayerful expression of the faith of the people involved. Men, women, and children from many denominations have come together to make this a truly ecumenical experience, touched by the Holy Spirit. •Free of charge; donations gratefully accepted •Bring your own chair •No smoking, food, drink, or pets on grounds. •Water available •Facilities for the handicapped

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
 Presents
 A SUMMER NIGHT**

Saturday, June 24, 2023


**Greenview Bar & Grill
 19210 Hartmann Rd, Hidden Valley Lake**

**5:00 p.m. Doors Open
 Socialize, Silent Auction preview and bidding
 6:30 p.m. Dinner**

Choice of Prime Rib, Salmon or Vegan

**\$65.00 per person
 Tickets available after mass or by calling
 707-987-3676**

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

Mass Intentions 

May 20 through May 26, 2023

**Saturday, May 20, 4:00 p.m.
 Russ Oertel+ by Sandy Hood**

**Sunday, May 21, 9:30 a.m.
 Jane Kloppenburg+ 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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