

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

May 28, 2023

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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.
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Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady of the Lake Mission – 12836 Hwy 175, Loch Lomond
Saturday Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday Masses

St. Joseph Church – Middletown, 9:30 a.m. (English)
Our Lady of the Pines Outdoors – Forest Lake Rd, Whispering Pines
11:30 a.m. (English)
St. Joseph Church - 4:00 p.m. (Spanish)

St. Joseph Church Weekday Schedule

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

Pentecost Sunday

Guest Writer: Esther Oertel

Pentecost Sunday is the 50th and final day of the Easter Season and is celebrated to mark the Holy Spirit coming in power upon the Apostles and other followers of Christ as described in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-31. Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Catholic Church, as it was this outpouring of the Holy Spirit which enabled the Apostles and other believers to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

The Holy Spirit took their fear away and gave them the power to become bold witnesses for Christ. We can also become bold, powerful witnesses for Christ through the same Holy Spirit, which comes in strength to us through the Sacrament of Confirmation. But the Holy Spirit is gentle, too, comforting us when we go through the trials of life. This third person of the Trinity whispers to us of God's love when we struggle. As it says in Romans 8:26, "...the Spirit also helps us in our infirmities, for we know not how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

Interestingly, the tradition of saying novena prayers comes from the events surrounding the Ascension (which we celebrated last Sunday) and Pentecost. We are told in Acts 1:14 that Mary and the Apostles prayed continuously for nine days from Jesus's Ascension up to the time of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is a close companion in our Christian journey, helping us to know God and to assist us in becoming faithful followers of Christ.

Domingo de Pentecostés

Escritora invitada: Esther Oertel

El domingo de Pentecostés es el 50 y último día de la temporada de Pascua y se celebra para conmemorar el Espíritu Santo que viene en poder sobre los Apóstoles y otros seguidores de Cristo, como se describe en los Hechos de los Apóstoles 2:1-31. Pentecostés se considera el cumpleaños de la Iglesia Católica, ya que fue esta efusión del Espíritu Santo la que permitió a los Apóstoles y otros creyentes difundir el Evangelio por todo el mundo.

El Espíritu Santo les quitó el miedo y les dio el poder de convertirse en testigos audaces de Cristo. También podemos convertirnos en testigos audaces y poderosos de Cristo a través del mismo Espíritu Santo, que viene en fuerza a nosotros a través del Sacramento de la confirmación. Pero el Espíritu Santo también es gentil, nos conforta cuando pasamos por las pruebas de la vida. Esta tercera persona de la Trinidad nos susurra el amor de Dios cuando luchamos. Como dice en Romanos 8:26, "...el Espíritu también nos ayuda en nuestras enfermedades, porque no sabemos cómo orar cómo deberíamos, sino que el Espíritu mismo hace intercesión por nosotros con gemidos que no se pueden pronunciar".

Curiosamente, la tradición de decir oraciones de novena proviene de los eventos que rodearon la Ascensión (que celebramos el domingo pasado) y Pentecostés. Se nos dice en Hechos 1:14 que María y los Apóstoles oraron continuamente durante nueve días desde la Ascensión de Jesús hasta el momento de Pentecostés. El Espíritu Santo es un compañero cercano en nuestro viaje cristiano, ayudándonos a conocer a Dios y a ayudarnos a convertirnos en fieles seguidores de Cristo.

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, Coleen McCluskey, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, 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.**

"A Summer Night"

Please plan to support this event as it will be our biggest fundraiser this year. As you probably know by now, this event is replacing our Blarney Banquet which for 17 years all proceeds went towards our \$11,000+/- liability and property insurance bills from the diocese.

This year we will have a silent auction only. We are looking for auction items. Contact Jane Cauley if you have something to donate. 707 355-4398, bring to mass on Sunday, or call Sandy at the office to make arrangements.

Plan to join us on Saturday, June 24 and enjoy socializing with your fellow parishioners. We are offering a delicious dinner of prime rib, salmon or a vegan plate, with delicious sides, dessert, coffee, tea and water. Complementary wine will be served, however, there will be a no-host bar for those who enjoy a cocktails before dinner.

Contact Jane, Father, or Sandy in the office for questions.

FEAST WITH THE PRIEST

Tickets for "Feast with the Priest" will be sold separately from banquet tickets. \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Two prize winners will be able to enjoy a gourmet dinner with Fr. Lawrence at the home of Pat & Lisa Lambert on Cobb Mtn. Each winner will be able to bring 3 people. Buy your tickets now from Jane or Father after mass or contact Sandy at the office.

Our Lady of the Pines

We welcome those attending mass today at the opening of our beloved outdoor church, Our Lady of the Pines. Mass will continue from Memorial Day until Labor Day every Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

COFFEE SOCIAL TODAY AFTER 9:30 am mass

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Presents
A SUMMER NIGHT

Saturday, June 24, 2023

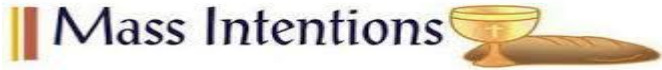
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5:00 p.m. Doors Open
Socialize, Silent Auction preview and bidding
6:30 p.m. Dinner

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 27 through June 2, 2023

Saturday, May 27, 4:00 p.m.
Fr. Thomas Fogarty+ by Gloria Huck

Sunday, May 28
9:30 a.m. Stuart Hamdon+ by Kate Royer Higgins
11:30 a.m. Fr. James McSweeney+ by Sandy Hood

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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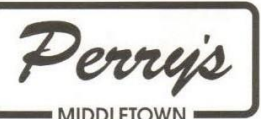


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