

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

June 11, 2023

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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

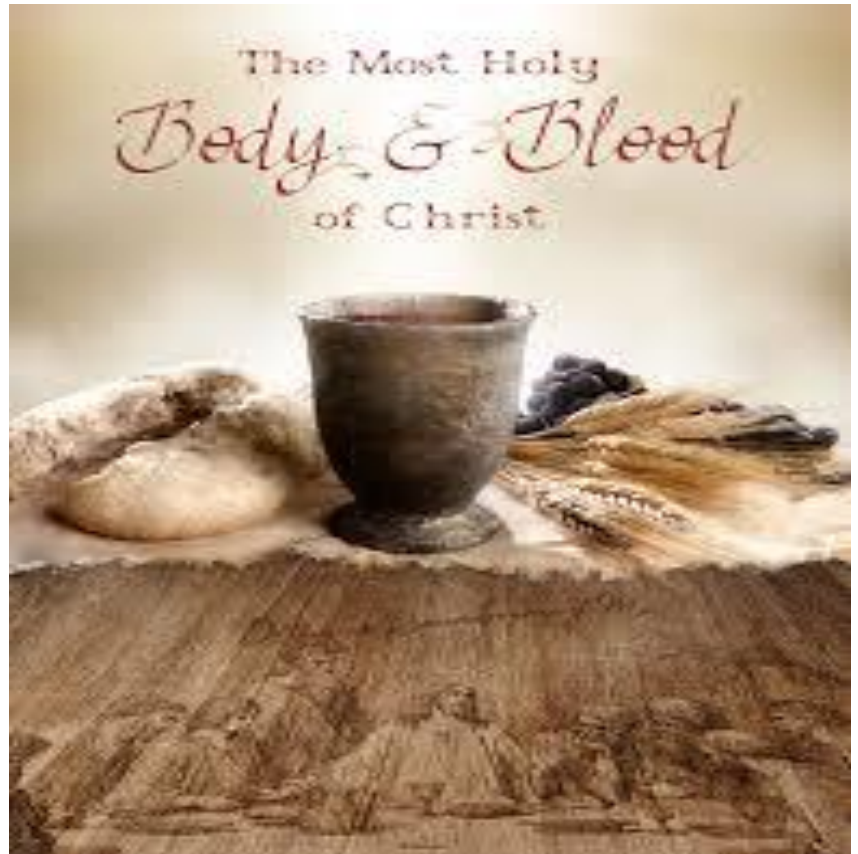
Anointing of the Sick

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.
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

Holy Body and Blood of Christ

By: Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**. In our Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Jewish crowds, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Jesus' words are not understood by the crowd. How Jesus could give His flesh to eat was beyond their understanding and neither do they believe that Jesus is from heaven, being born of Mary and Joseph. Sensing their disbelief, Jesus continues, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."

St. John further narrates in his Gospel that even when some disciples rejected this teaching and left, Jesus did not attempt to bring them back by saying that He was only speaking symbolically.

Jesus' teaching is very clear. Whoever eats His flesh and drinks His blood, will remain connected to Him. Jesus' words assure us of our intimate connection with Him through His Body and Blood. This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present in the elements of bread and wine. When we receive the **Holy Body and Blood of Christ** in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us.

Today's celebration reminds us of Jesus' greatest gift of His Body and Blood ... not only through His death on the cross but also in the Holy Eucharist. When we hear "This is my Body ... this is my Blood" ... let us open our hearts to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. May this challenge us to be transformed into what we receive and be the Christians Jesus wants us to be!

A happy and a blessed Solemnity of the **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** to all!

Santo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo

Escrito por el Padre Lawrence Mendoza

Este domingo, celebramos la Solemnidad del **Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo**. En nuestra lectura del Evangelio, Jesús dice a las multitudes judías: "Yo soy el pan viviente que bajó del cielo; el que coma este pan vivirá para siempre; y el pan que daré es mi carne para la vida del mundo". Las palabras de Jesús no son entendidas por la multitud. Cómo Jesús pudo dar Su carne para comer, estaba más allá de su comprensión y tampoco creen que Jesús es del cielo, siendo nacido de María y José. Sintiendo su incredulidad, Jesús continuó: "Amén, amén, te digo, a menos que comas la carne del Hijo del Hombre y bebas Su sangre, no tienes vida dentro de ti. El que coma mi carne y beba mi sangre tiene vida eterna, y yo lo criaré el último día. Porque mi carne es verdadera comida, y mi sangre es verdadera bebida".

San Juan narra además en su Evangelio que incluso cuando algunos discípulos rechazaron esta enseñanza y se fueron, Jesús no intentó traerlos de vuelta diciendo que solo estaba hablando simbólicamente.

La enseñanza de Jesús es muy clara. Quien coma Su carne y beba Su sangre, permanecerá conectado con Él. Las palabras de Jesús nos aseguran nuestra íntima conexión con Él a través de Su Cuerpo y Sangre. Este es el misterio que está en el corazón de nuestra teología eucarística. El Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús están realmente presentes en los elementos del pan y el vino. Cuando recibimos **el Santo Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo** en la Sagrada Eucaristía, Jesús mismo mora dentro de nosotros.

La celebración de hoy nos recuerda el mayor regalo de Jesús de Su Cuerpo y Sangre... no solo a través de Su muerte en la cruz, sino también en la Sagrada Eucaristía. Cuando escuchemos "Este es mi Cuerpo... Esta es mi Sangre"... Abramos nuestros corazones a la verdadera presencia de Jesús en la Eucaristía. ¡Que esto nos desafíe a transformarnos en lo que recibimos y ser los cristianos que Jesús quiere que seamos!

¡Una feliz y bendita Solemnidad del **Santísimo Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo** para todos!

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.**

ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL 2023

As you know, our goal for 2023 was \$12,480. We are happy to announce we now have pledges in the amount of \$13,474. If all pledges are paid, the amount returned to the parish is \$994. Congratulations parishioners of St. Joseph. Once again, we exceeded our goal. ALLELUIA!

"A Summer Night"

deadline is June 15 for ticket sales for the banquet

We hope you are planning 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.

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, including delicious sides, dessert, coffee, tea, and water. Complimentary wine will be served at each table, however, there will be a no-host bar for those who enjoy a cocktail before dinner.

**Get your tickets for
"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.

FATHER'S DAY will be celebrated on Sunday, June 18. Envelopes are in the back of the churches.

Please complete the envelopes and put in the collection basket. We will pray for our living and deceased fathers and mothers during all masses until early July. They gave us life and we should remember and pray for them.

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
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707-987-3676

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

Mass Intentions

June 10 through June 16, 2023

Saturday, June 10, 4:00 p.m.

Chris Casey Simon+ by Thomas & Sharon Casey

Sunday, June 11

9:30 a.m.

Patricia Hillman by Roger Mattu

11:30 a.m.

For our parishioners

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.

The funeral mass for Russ Oertel will be held at St. Joseph on Friday, June 16, at 1:00 p.m.

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