

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

June 25, 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.
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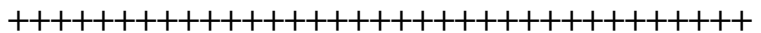


12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge
before my heavenly Father."

Matthew 10:32

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Christ Calling His First Disciples by Adam Brenner, 1839



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

God's Reassuring Love

by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

Today we hear about the challenges confronted by the faithful believers of God, not only then but also now ... which includes us. These are not meant to discourage us from being faithful to God because in fact, today, we also hear of **God's Reassuring Love** gifting us with benefits that far outweigh the challenges if we just remain faithful to Him!

Last Sunday, we read on Jesus sending twelve disciples on their first missionary work to proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus had already warned them on the many difficulties they will face but today's Gospel Reading offers the disciples consolation over the difficulties.

Jesus reminds the disciples not to fear anyone in proclaiming what He has taught them, for these have to be inevitably proclaimed to the whole world at all costs ... yet be rewarded more greatly! They are to keep their focus on God and remember that those who can kill the body, but not the soul, do not have the ultimate power. God does. Moreover, persecution and suffering cannot be avoided or prevented but God knows and cares about what happens to His children. God surely takes care of them more than He takes care of the sparrows that are worth only a few cents.

Indeed, with **God's Reassuring Love**, there is no reason for the twelve disciples then, nor for us now, to fear doing our roles in announcing the Good News to others ... be it in words or in actions. Let us focus on the love which God has already bestowed on us and the pouring forth of that love for all eternity!

El amor tranquilizador de Dios

Por el Padre Lawrence Mendoza

Hoy escuchamos sobre los desafíos a los que se enfrentan los fieles creyentes de Dios, no sólo antes sino también ahora... que nos incluye a nosotros. ¡Estos no están destinados a disuadirlos de ser fieles a Dios, porque de hecho hoy en día también oímos hablar **del Amor tranquilizador de Dios** que nos regala beneficios que superan con creces los desafíos si tan solo nos mantenemos fieles a Él!

El domingo pasado, leímos sobre Jesús enviando a doce discípulos en su primera obra misionera para proclamar el Reino de los Cielos. Jesús ya les había advertido sobre las muchas dificultades a las que se enfrentarían, pero la lectura del Evangelio de hoy ofrece a los discípulos consuelo sobre las dificultades.

Jesús recuerda a los discípulos que no teman a nadie al proclamar lo que Él les ha enseñado, porque estos tienen que ser inevitablemente proclamados al mundo entero a toda costa... ¡pero ser recompensado más grande! Se debe mantener su enfoque en Dios y recordar que aquellos que pueden matar el cuerpo, pero no el alma, los cuales no tienen el poder supremo. Dios es quién lo hace. Además, la persecución y el sufrimiento no se pueden evitar ni prevenir, pero Dios sabe y se preocupa por lo que les sucede a sus hijos. Dios seguramente cuida de ellos más de lo que cuida de los gorriones que valen solo unos pocos centavos.

De hecho, con el **amor tranquilizador de Dios**, no hay razón para que los doce discípulos de entonces, ni para nosotros ahora de que tengamos miedo de hacer nuestro papel al anunciar la Buena Nueva a los demás... ya sea en palabras o en acciones. ¡Enfoquémonos en el amor que Dios nos ha otorgado y en el derramamiento de ese amor por toda la eternidad!



Please pray for the sick in our parish... and those who care for them.... Larry Boll, Lourdes Borzoni, Brendan “Ben” Coyne, Cheryl Elliehausen, 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.**

**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
LADIES GUILD**

The Lady of the Lake Ladies Guild, which has been dormant for the past few years, is looking to reform and we invite you to join us. The Ladies Guild is a small but vital group that helps with the smooth function of our churches on Cobb. Members serve as lectors, clean and decorate the church and altar, and raise funds to support and aid members of our community.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, July 2, following the mass at Our Lady of the Pines, in Whispering Pines. We have several items on our agenda, the biggest one being to change the name of our guild. All members of our parish are invited and welcome to join the guild, and we would like to change our name to reflect such. Other agenda items include the selection of officers and plans for fundraisers so we will have money for various activities and support functions of the guild.

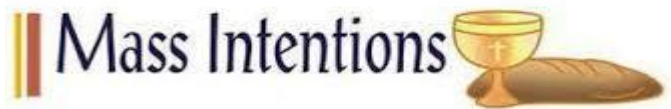
Being a member of the Lady of the Lake Guild is a nice way to be an active part of our church community without a big-time commitment. Please join us on July 2 and help us bring our guild back into service. For further information, contact Gayle Albo at 707 355-0618 or Suzanna Macedo at 707 272-2518.



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June 24 through June 30, 2023

Saturday, June 24, 4:00 p.m.

Happy birthday Father James+ by Sandy Hood

Sunday, June 25

9:30 a.m.

Nick Schaff+ by Jane Cauley

11:30 a.m.

For our parishioners

Friday, June 30, 8:30 a.m.

Russ Oertel+ by Mary McCurry & Diane Dawes

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.

Visit our website for a copy of the bulletin.

stjoseph-middletown.com

“I am the vine, you are the branches”

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