

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

August 6, 2023

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Schedule of Services:

Reconciliation

Friday 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. English
7:30 pm to 8:30 p.m. Spanish
or 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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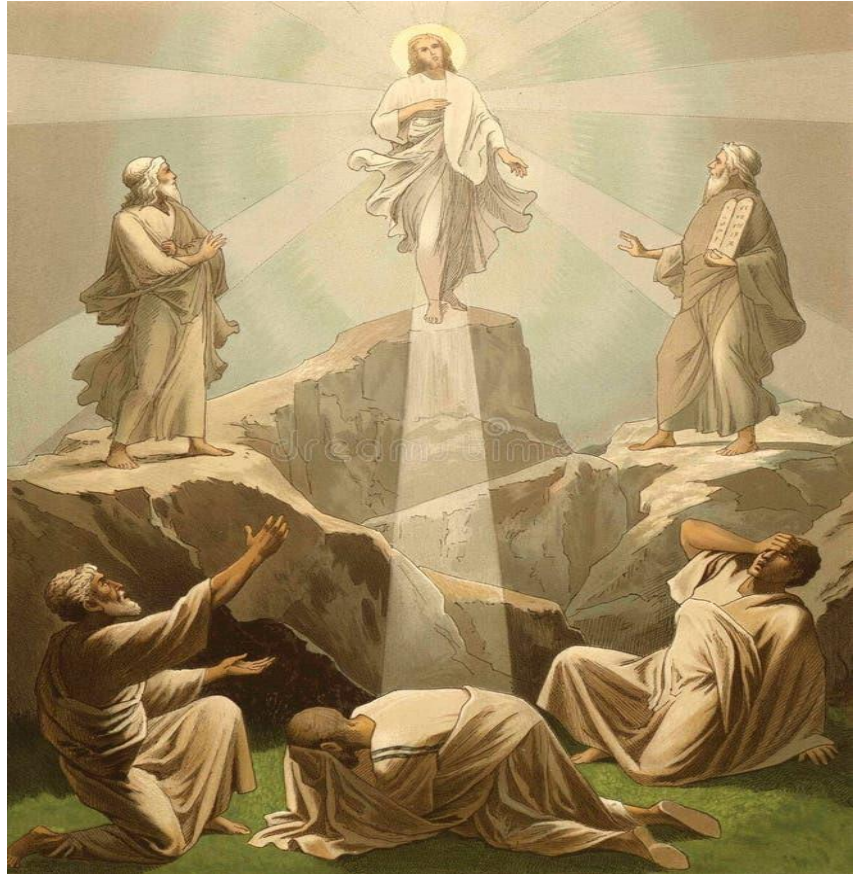
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MASS SCHEDULE

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)

9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. English

6:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

7:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday only

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

The Glory of the Transfiguration of the Lord by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

Today, we are invited to reflect on the Transfiguration of the Lord. In the Gospel accounts, Jesus takes Peter, James and John to a high mountain. While they are there, Jesus transfigures before them and His face shines like the sun and His clothes become white as light. Then the Old Testament figures Moses and Elijah, both significant in the history of Israel, appear and converse with Jesus. Moses represents the Law, while Elijah, the Prophets. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history attests to Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets and reveals that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

An awestruck Peter offers to set up three tents for Jesus, Moses and Elijah and while still speaking, a voice from a bright cloud says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."

The Glory of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a beautiful affirmation not only of Jesus' relationship with the revered figures of Moses and Elijah but most importantly, of His divinity! The Father in Heaven confirms Jesus as His divine Son with whom He is well pleased, and He calls the disciples and us, too, to listen to Him!

Today's Gospel Reading for this feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew specifically reports that while they were going down the mountain, Jesus charges Peter, James and John, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Until the disciples witness Jesus' passion and death, they could not possibly understand what He meant by being "raised from the dead." But we have the benefit of hindsight.

Nonetheless, let us share the "mountain-top" experience of Peter, James, and John by deeply reflecting on Jesus' divinity, focusing on and listening to Him. May **the Glory of the Transfiguration of the Lord** invite us all to muster the spiritual strength to transcend our own mundane ambitions and instead endeavor for the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven!

La Gloria de la Transfiguración del Señor Escrito por el Padre Lawrence Mendoza

Hoy, estamos invitados a reflexionar sobre la Transfiguración del Señor. En los relatos del Evangelio, Jesús lleva a Pedro, Santiago y Juan a lo alto de una montaña. Mientras están allí, Jesús se transfigura delante de ellos y su rostro brilla como el sol y su ropa se vuelve blanca como la luz. Entonces las figuras del Antiguo Testamento Moisés y Elías, ambos significativos en la historia de Israel, aparecen y conversan con Jesús. Moisés representa la Ley, mientras que Elías, los Profetas. La aparición de estas dos figuras de la historia de Israel atestigua la continuidad de Jesús con la Ley y los Profetas y revela que Jesús es el cumplimiento de todo lo que se prometió al pueblo de Israel.

Un asombrado Pedro se ofrece a montar tres tiendas de campaña para Jesús, Moisés y Elías, y mientras todavía habla, una voz de una nube brillante dice: "Este es mi amado Hijo, con quien estoy muy complacido; escúchalo".

La Gloria de la Transfiguración del Señor es una hermosa afirmación no solo de la relación de Jesús con las veneradas figuras de Moisés y Elías, sino, lo más importante, ¡de Su divinidad! ¡El Padre Celestial confirma a Jesús como su Hijo divino con quien está complacido y llama a los discípulos y a nosotros también a escucharlo!

La lectura del Evangelio de hoy para esta fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor está tomada del Evangelio de Mateo. Mateo informa específicamente que mientras bajaban la montaña, Jesús advierte a Pedro, Santiago y Juan: "No le digan la visión a nadie hasta que el Hijo del Hombre haya sido resucitado de entre los muertos". Hasta que los discípulos fueran testigos de la pasión y la muerte de Jesús, no podían entender lo que quiso decir con ser "resucitado de entre los muertos". Pero tenemos el beneficio de la retrospectiva.

Sin embargo, compartamos la experiencia "en la cima de la montaña" de Pedro, Santiago y Juan reflexionando profundamente sobre la divinidad de Jesús, centrándonos en Él y escuchándolo. ¡Que la Gloria de la Transfiguración del Señor nos invite a todos a reunir la fuerza espiritual para trascender nuestras propias ambiciones mundanas y, en su lugar, esforzarnos por la gloria del Reino de los Cielos!

Sign-up sheets available in the back of St. Joseph for Eucharistic Adoration for every first Friday of the month from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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, Linda Hoogendoorn, 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.

Fiesta Mexicana "Bajo La Luna" tickets on sale after the 9:30 am mass and the 4:00 pm mass. See Jane, Laura, Sonia. Tickets are available in the office.

. **THANK YOU** to the many parishioners who have donated money to the new Heating/Air Conditioning unit for the upstairs of the rectory. Your generosity is very much appreciated. We haven't paid for it yet, so if you would like to contribute be sure to write your check to St. Joseph and include A/C Unit in the memo part of your check.

. **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION** is currently in progress. Forms are in the back of the church. Please complete one for each child and return to the office with the tuition. Birth certificate and baptismal certificates are required.

. **STARR GARDENS** is offering a discount to anyone purchasing plants or flowers for our church grounds. Simply let them know they are for St. Joseph Church.

. **LADY OF THE LAKE GUILD**

The newly re-organized Guild, responsible for the care and decoration of the altar, church linens, and priest vestments at Our Lady of the Lake and Our Lady of the Pines, will be holding a fundraiser during the Cobb Blackberry Cobbler Festival on Saturday, August 26, from 11-5:00, at Mountain Meadows Golf Course. We are asking for members of our Parish community to look through their jewelry boxes for nice jewelry and watches that are in good condition but no longer worn. We would like to sell them and give them a second life! In addition, we would greatly appreciate any donations of new handmade or craft items that can be raffled. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help to pay for our functions. We still welcome any and all persons to join us. For donations or for more information, please contact Suzanna Macedo (707-272-2518), Gayle Albo (707-355-0618), or Lisa Lambert (707-245-7281). Please come and enjoy this tasty event in beautiful Cobb.

COLLECTIONS

JULY 29 & 30 2023

First Collection \$1468

Second Collection \$1894

Visit our website for a copy of the bulletin.
stjoseph-middletown.com
"I am the vine, you are the branches"

Iglesia Catolica San Jose
Servidores De Maria
Presenta

Fiesta Mexicana Bajo La Luna

Proceeds: Building the Grotto & Gazebo
Date: August 19th, 2023 (Sabado)
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: St. Joseph Parish Parking Ground
~ Come with a Mexican Costume ~

Tickets
Adults: \$40.00
Children (12 & Under): \$20.00

Mass Intentions

August 5 through August 11, 2023

Saturday, August 5, 4:00 p.m.

Patrick Lynch+ by Barbara Bianchi

Sunday, August 6

9:30 a.m.

Michael O'Donnell+

Eddie Cheek+ age 3

David & Hannah Cheek (parents healing)

above offered by Louise & Jeff Martin

11:30 a.m.

Pete Sabin+ by OLOL Guild

Thursday August 10, 8:30 a.m.

Florence & Henry Navone++ by Barbara Bianchi

Friday, August 11, 8:30 a.m.

August & Vecellio Families by Toni Vecellio

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

Our sympathy to Anne Sabin, long time parishioner of Our Lady of the Lake. Anne's husband Pete Sabin passed away on July 29. May he rest in Peace!



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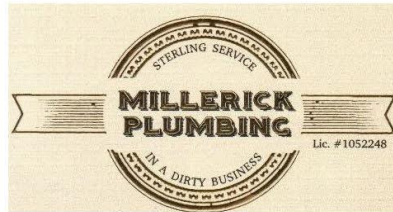
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