

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

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August 27, 2023

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Schedule of Services:

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Friday 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. English
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Spanish
or by Appointment

Baptisms

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See Pastor after Mass

Marriages

By appointment at least six months
in advance

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For those who are elderly, seriously
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Parish Office Hours:

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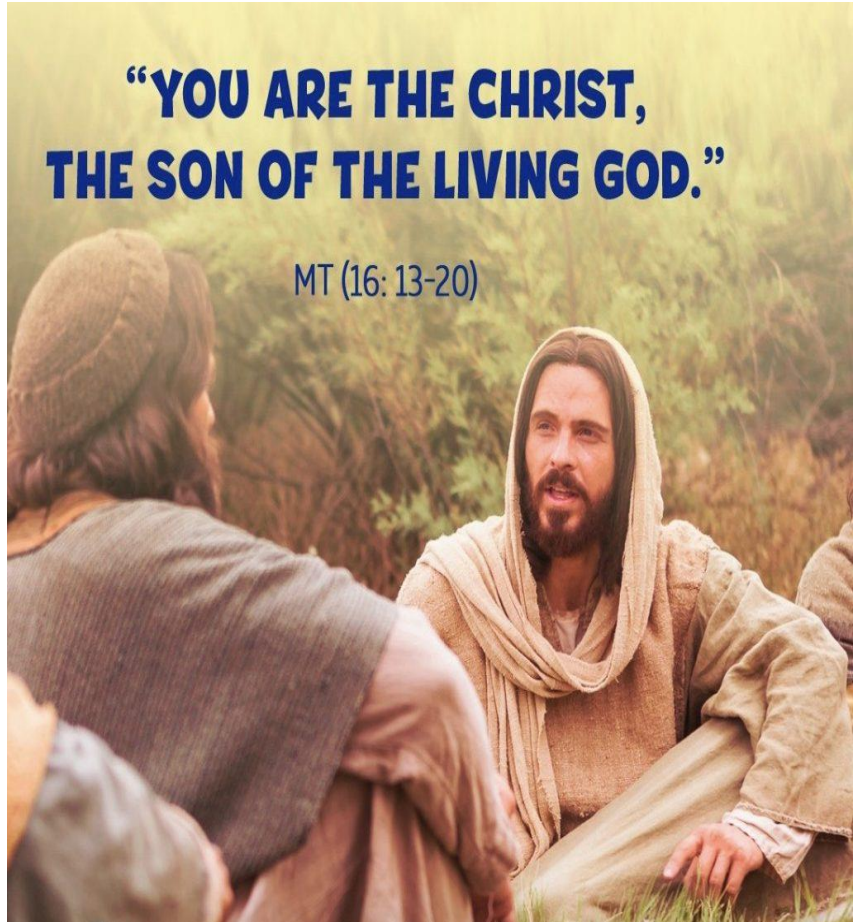
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**“YOU ARE THE CHRIST,
THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD.”**

MT (16: 13-20)



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. – 10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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)

God-Given Authority by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

On this 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, our readings invite us to reflect on authority ... more specifically, on **God-Given Authority!**

In our First Reading, we hear the prophecy of Isaiah on the fall of Shebna and the rise of Eliakim. Shebna is an adviser to the king but is abusive of his authority, self-seeking and self-glorifying. As such, Isaiah designates Eliakim to take over Shebna's authority and "places the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder."

Our Second Reading is another beautiful hymn of praise, this time from St. Paul. This follows his laments of the failure of the Jewish people to accept Jesus. Having done everything within his power and authority to win them over, he now hands over his concerns to the "depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!"

From Isaiah to King David and on to St. Paul, let us all learn to acknowledge and praise God, who in His universal saving love, will take care of everything in accordance to the counsel of His Divine Will!

Our Gospel Reading begins with Jesus asking His disciples what the people think of Him. Next, he asks, "But who do you say I am?" Simon Peter, speaking for the other disciples, responds, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus is obviously well pleased with Peter's response and blesses him, but He also informs him, and us all, that it is not simple human knowledge that leads us to such a profession of faith, it is a gift from God.

Peter's profession of faith enables Jesus to reveal His plan and continues, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church ... I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." This is the greater handing down of the keys of authority to Peter relative to the key of the House of David being handed to Eliakim in our First Reading.

We know that Peter, with his God-given faith and **God-Given Authority**, played an important role as leader in the early Church. Let us praise and thank God for making us members of His Church, a Church that lives forever guided by St. Paul's hymn, "For from God and through God and for God are all things. To God be glory forever. Amen!"

Autoridad Dada por Dios Por el Padre Lawrence Mendoza

En este domingo 21 en Tiempo Ordinario, nuestras lecturas nos invitan a reflexionar sobre la autoridad... ¡más específicamente, sobre la **Autoridad Dada por Dios!**

En nuestra primera lectura, escuchamos la profecía de Isaías sobre la caída de Shebna y el ascenso de Eliakim. Shebna es un asesor del rey, pero abusa de su autoridad, se busca a sí mismo y se glorifica a sí mismo. Como tal, Isaías designa a Eliakim para que se haga cargo de la autoridad de Shebna y "coloca la llave de la Casa de David en el hombro de Eliakim".

Nuestra segunda lectura es otro hermoso himno de alabanza, esta vez de San. Pablo. Esto sigue a sus lamentos del fracaso del pueblo judío para aceptar a Jesús. Habiendo hecho todo lo que estaba dentro de su poder y autoridad para conquistarlos, ahora entrega sus preocupaciones a la "profundidad de las riquezas, la sabiduría y el conocimiento de Dios". De Isaías al rey David y a San Pablo, todos debemos aprender, reconocer y alabar a Dios, ya que Su amor salvador es universal, se encargará de todo de acuerdo con el consejo de Su Divina Voluntad!

Nuestra lectura del Evangelio comienza con Jesús preguntando a sus discípulos sobre qué piensa la gente de Él. A continuación les pregunta: "Pero, ¿quién dicen que soy?" Simón Pedro, hablo en nombre de los otros discípulos, y respondió: "Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo del Dios viviente". Obviamente Jesús está muy satisfecho con la respuesta de Pedro y lo bendice, pero también le informa a él y a todos nosotros, que no es el simple conocimiento humano lo que nos lleva a tal profesión de fe, sino que es un regalo de Dios.

La profesión de fe de Pedro le permite a Jesús revelar su plan y continuar: "Tú eres Pedro, y sobre esta roca construiré mi Iglesia... Te daré las llaves del Reino de los Cielos. Todo lo que ates en la tierra será atado en el cielo; y todo lo que pierdas en la tierra será atado en el cielo". Esta es la mayor entrega de las claves de autoridad a Pedro en relación con la llave de la Casa de David que se entrega a Eliakim en nuestra Primera Lectura.

Sabemos que Pedro, con su fe y la autoridad dada por Dios, jugó un papel muy importante como líder en la Iglesia primitiva. Alabemos y demos gracias a Dios por hacernos miembros de Su Iglesia, una Iglesia que vive para siempre y que es guiada por el himno de San Pablo: "Porque de Dios, a través de Dios y para Dios son todas las cosas. Gloria a Dios para siempre. ¡Amén!"



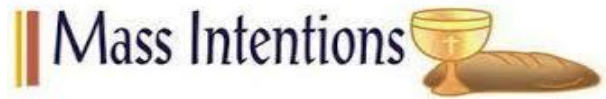
Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who care for them.... Larry Boll, Lourdes Borzoni, Brendan "Ben" Coyne, Cheryl Elliehausen, Hector Guerra, Alysia Hash, Jasmine Hash, Linda Hoogendoorn, John Johnson, Paula Johnson, Andre Kelley, Judy Knight, Helen Kruljac, Coleen McCluskey, Elsa Meyer, 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.**

●**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - First Communion Classes begin on Friday, September 8 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Classes will begin on Sunday, September 10 from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. Forms are in the back of the church. Please complete one for each child and return to the office with the tuition as soon as possible. Birth certificate, baptismal certificates and first communion certificates are required.**

●**THANK YOU SO MUCH!** To date we have received \$4175 in donations towards the \$7000 needed for the new Heating and Air Conditioning unit upstairs in the rectory. The unit was installed last Friday and is working beautifully. We are still accepting donations.

●**We appreciate the generosity of those parishioners who have donated plants and flowers. If you would like to donate, we are still in need of rose trees.** 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.

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



August 26 through September 1, 2023

Saturday, August 26, 4:00 p.m.
Andy, Helena & Jan Kurek and George & Antonina Nawinski and Irena & Zdzisiu Mazurek
 by Beata Kurek

Sunday, August 27, 9:30 a.m.
Elmer William & Vera Emelia Krause++
 by Robert Krause

Sunday, August 27, 11:30 a.m.
Harley Auten+ by Monica Huck

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.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR VICTIMS OF DEVASTING FIRE ON MAUI. There will be a second collection on Sunday, September 3 for the fire victims in Maui. Many want to know how they can help the victims of the devastating fire on the island of Maui, Hawaii. The Diocese of Honolulu would appreciate donations be made to the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF). Tax-deductible contributions can be made directly by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>. Or funds can be donated during this special collection. Checks should be made out to "Diocese of Santa Rosa" with a notation "For HCCF" or "Maui Relief". All the donations collected will then be forwarded to HCCF from our diocese. Any amount will be gratefully accepted to aid in the Maui relief effort. On this weekend, we will ask that you put your yellow and blue envelopes in the first collection basket as everything in the second collection will go to the Maui Relief Fund.

COLLECTIONS August 19 & 20
 First Collection \$990
 Second Collection \$1017

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.



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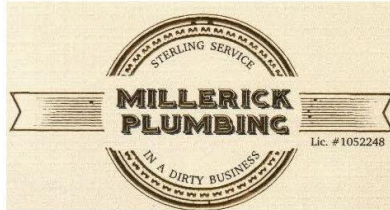
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