

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

September 17, 2023

707 987-3676



Pastoral Staff

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza, Pastor
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Schedule of Services:

Reconciliation

Friday 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. English
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 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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Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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*Then Peter came to him and asked,
"Lord, how often should I forgive
someone who sins against me? Seven
times?" "No, not seven times," Jesus
replied, "but seventy times seven!"
Matthew 18:21-22*

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)
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

Friday 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)

September 17, 2023- Twenty Fourth Sunday in the Ordinary Time

Gospel reflection by Martha O'Brien Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks Jesus "Lord if my brother sins against me how often must I forgive?"

As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, " I say to you not seven times but seventy-seven times."

He then shares the parable of how the kingdom of Heaven is likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. One of his debtors owes a huge debt he cannot repay. He falls down before the king pays him homage and says, "Be patient with me and I will pay you back in full." Moved with compassion, the master let him go and forgave him for the loan.

When I reflect on this parable, I see myself as that servant who owes a huge debt I can never repay.

The masters compassion comes through the crucifixion of our Lord where we receive His forgiveness and freedom from our sin.

What am I to do with this in my life?

I recognize I must forgive all who sin against me, offend me, and persecute me.

I am terrified to be found guilty of unforgiveness for this would mean I would not be forgiven.

The practice of forgiveness is not easy... But is always right.

Let us constantly ask our Lord to intercede for us in our relationships to work in our angry resentful hearts to break the chains that bind us to our resentments so that we may be free to surrender our hearts to Him.

17 de Septiembre de 2023- Vigésimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Reflexión del Evangelio por Martha Obrien Mateo 18:21-35

Cuando Pedro le preguntó a Jesús "Señor, si mi hermano peca contra mí, ¿con qué frecuencia debo perdonar? ¿ hasta siete veces?" Jesús respondió: "Te digo no siete veces, sino setenta y siete veces".

Luego comparte la parábola de cómo se compara el reino de los Cielos con un rey que decidió liquidar cuentas con sus siervos. Uno de sus deudores tiene una enorme deuda que no puede pagar. Se cae ante el rey que le rinde homenaje y dice: "Ten paciencia conmigo y te lo devolveré en su totalidad". Movidado con compasión, el maestro lo dejó ir y le perdonó el préstamo.

Cuando reflexiono sobre esta parábola, me veo a mí mismo como ese sirviente que tiene una enorme deuda que nunca puedo pagar.

La compasión de los maestros viene a través de la crucifixión de nuestro Señor, donde recibimos su perdón y libertad de nuestro pecado.

¿Qué voy a hacer con esto en mi vida?

Reconozco que debo perdonar a todos los que pecan contra mí, ofenderme y perseguirme.

Estoy aterrorizado de que me declaren culpable de falta de perdón porque esto significa que no sería perdonado.

La práctica del perdón no es fácil... Pero siempre es correcta.

Pidamos constantemente a nuestro Señor que interceda por nosotros en nuestras relaciones para trabajar en nuestros corazones enojados y resentidos para así romper las cadenas que nos unen a nuestros resentimientos para que podamos ser libres de entregar nuestros corazones a Él.



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, 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.**

● **MISSION APPEAL** Please welcome Fr. Gabriel T. Wankar, our guest priest this weekend, September 16 & 17. Father Gabriel will be saying all masses at St. Joseph in appeal for the needs of the Diocese of Gboko, north-central Nigeria. Fr. Gabriel was born and raised in Gboko, worked in Nigeria after ordination and was eventually assigned to San Francisco in 2015. The second collection will be for the Diocese of Gboko. Please be sure to put your yellow and blue envelopes in the first collection basket.

● **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** - First Communion Classes are now in progress. Confirmation Classes will begin on Sunday, October 8 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.

● Fr. Lawrence will be away from our parish from September 12 through September 20. There will be no weekday mass on September 12, 13, 14, 15, 19 and 20.

● **THE COFFEE SOCIAL** this month is scheduled for September 24 after the 9:30 a.m. mass. **OUR LADY OF THE LAKE GUILD** will be holding a fundraiser during the social, offering lovely jewelry that was donated previously.

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

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.

Mass Intentions

September 16 through September 22, 2023

Saturday, September 16, 4:00 p.m.

Andy, Helena & Jan Kurek, George & Antonina Nawinski, Irena & Zdzisiu Mazurek
 by Beata Kurek

Sunday, September 17, 9:30 a.m.

Stephen Vecellio+ by Toni Vecellio

Friday, September 22, 9:30 a.m.

Lori Jewell & Michael O'Donnell++

by Louise Martin

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.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
 presents

the Second Annual

"Feast in the Vineyard"

Father Lawrence Birthday and Ordination Celebration

Saturday, October 7, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At Bantry Vineyard, formerly owned by Father James
 12102 Hwy 29 (directly across from C Street, Lower Lake)

serving Mexican and Asian Food
 Including dessert

Featuring entertainment provided by the Middletown High School Ballet Folklorico,
 singing and dancing by Irma Lopez Music,
 Silent Dessert Auction

ADULT TICKETS \$50

CHILDREN \$20

Auction tickets available for the
 "Priest Prepares the Feast"

Purchase your tickets for a gourmet feast prepared by our own Father Lawrence.
 Two winners, each winner allowed 3 additional guests,
 tickets to be drawn the night of the event.
 \$10 each or 6 for \$50

Tickets are available after mass until Sunday, October 1, also available at
 Rosales Market or the rectory until October 4
 For additional information contact the office 707 987-3676.
 Proceeds to support ongoing parish projects.

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

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 "FEAST IN THE VINEYARD" AFTER MASS, ROSALES
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COLLECTIONS September 9-10

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Second Collection \$1103



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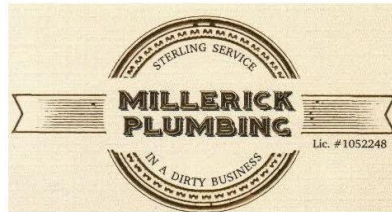
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