

# St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

*Our Lady of the Lake Mission*

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

September 24, 2023

707 987-3676



## **Pastoral Staff**

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza, Pastor  
Sandy Hood, Office Manager

Roger Mattu - RCIA Director  
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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

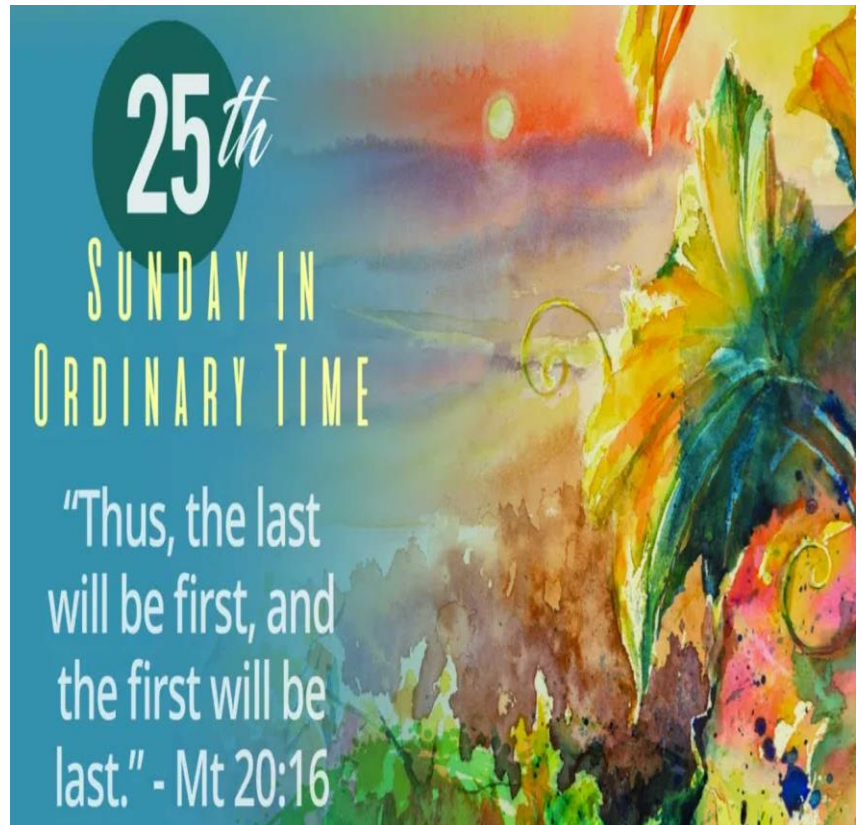
### **Anointing of the Sick**

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.  
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)  
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 24, 2023 – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Gospel reflection by Suzanna & Rick Macedo**

**Isaiah 55:6-9 Phillipians 1:20c-24, 27a Matthew 20:1-16a**

Both the first reading and the Gospel for this week look at our understanding, or rather, our lack of understanding, of how God thinks. Isaiah comes right out and says, “so high are my thoughts above your thoughts”. How can we, who easily get caught up in the misunderstandings of everyday life, think to have any reasonable expectation that we can understand God’s thoughts?

An excellent example of this is in Jesus’ parable of the vineyard workers. Workers that were hired earlier in the day are resentful of the equal wages given to workers hired later in the day. This is such a typically human way of looking at the situation. What, exactly, are the wages that God gives to us? They are forgiveness, salvation, and an eternal life with Him. Why would we resent any other person receiving those gifts? Do we deserve them more simply because we accepted Him as our Lord earlier in our life? Do we deserve them more because we lived with our choice for a longer time? Does a child not deserve those gifts? Does a person that lived a life of sin and unkindness, but is truly regretful of that life, not deserve those gifts? God will reward every person that “works for Him”. We should not be jealous or resentful of others that receive those gifts. That is the lowly human way of thinking. In God’s higher way of thinking, His gifts of mercy and grace are without limit, and His to give away as He sees fit. It is not for us to understand how He bestows them. It is only for us to work to receive them by living with kindness and forgiveness toward others.

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**Vigésimo quinto domingo en el tiempo ordinario**

**Reflexiones por: Suzanne y Rick Macedo**

**Isaías 55:6-9 Filipenses 1:20c-24, 27a Mateo 20:1-16a**

Tanto la primera lectura como el Evangelio de esta semana miran nuestra comprensión, o más bien, nuestra falta de comprensión, de cómo piensa Dios. Isaías sale de inmediato y dice "tan altos están mis pensamientos por encima de tus pensamientos". ¿Cómo podemos nosotros, que nos quedamos atrapados fácilmente en los malentendidos de la vida cotidiana, pensar que tenemos alguna expectativa razonable de que podemos entender los pensamientos de Dios?

Un excelente ejemplo de esto está en la parábola de Jesús de los trabajadores de la viña. Los trabajadores que fueron contratados más temprano en el día están resentidos por los salarios iguales otorgados a los trabajadores contratados más tarde en el día. Esta es una forma típicamente humana de ver la situación. ¿Cuáles son exactamente los salarios que Dios nos da? Los cuales son perdón, salvación y una vida eterna con Él. ¿Por qué sentiríamos a cualquier otra persona que recibiera estos regalos? ¿Los merecemos más simplemente porque lo aceptamos como nuestro Señor al principio de nuestra vida? ¿Los merecemos más porque vivimos con nuestra elección durante más tiempo? ¿Un niño no merece esos regalos? ¿Una persona que vivió una vida de pecado y falta de amabilidad, pero que realmente se arrepiente de esa vida, no merece esos regalos?

Dios recompensará a cada persona que "trabaja para Él". No debemos estar celosos o resentidos con los demás que reciben estos regalos. Esa es la humilde forma humana de pensar. En la forma superior de pensar de Dios, sus dones de misericordia y gracia son ilimitados, y los suyos para regalar como mejor le parezca. No nos toca a nosotros entender cómo Él los otorga. Solo nosotros trabajamos para recibirlos viviendo con amabilidad y perdón hacia los demás.



**Please pray for the sick in our parish** and those who care for them.... Larry Boll, Lourdes Borzoni, 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.**

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Registration for First Communion Classes is now closed. We are still accepting students for Confirmation. 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. Students must have a copy of their First Communion Certificate.
- **BRENDAN “BEN” COYNE** passed away last week following a lengthy illness. Our sympathy to Shirley Coyne and her family. May he rest in peace!
- **THE COFFEE SOCIAL** is being held after the 9:30 mass today. In addition, come and look at the lovely jewelry offered for sale by the **OUR LADY OF THE LAKE GUILD.**

**HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR TICKETS FOR “FEAST IN THE VINEYARD”???? GET YOU TICKETS AFTER MASS, AT ROSALES MARKET, OR THE OFFICE. JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF FR. LAWRENCE BIRTHDAY AND ORDINATION. NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR**

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“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 23 through September 29, 2023**

Saturday, September 23, 4:00 p.m.

**Eugiena & Wlad, Czesia, Mieciu & Hanna Korzeniowska and Ema Wroblewska**

By Beata Kurek

Sunday, September 24, 9:30 a.m.

**Garry Gillespie+**

By Robert Krause

Wednesday, September 27, 8:30 a.m.

**Ruth Schindler+**

By Diedra Lagle

Friday, September 29, 8:30 a.m.

**Alma & Antone August++**

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.*

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Purchase your tickets for a gourmet feast prepared by our own Father Lawrence.  
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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**

**Have you purchased your raffle tickets yet? “Priest Prepares the Feast” tickets available \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Bring your friends and enjoy a gourmet dinner prepared by our own Father Lawrence. He is quite the chef....**

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