

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

October 8, 2023

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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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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)

October 8, 2023 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Excerpt from the Spiritual Reflection of Pope Francis, Angelus Message, October 4, 2020

AUTHORITY IS FOR SERVICE, NOT SELF-INTEREST

In today's Gospel passage (cf. Mt 21:33-43) Jesus, foreseeing his Passion and Death, tells the parable of the murderous vintners, to admonish the chief priests and elders of the people who are about to take the wrong path. Indeed, they have bad intentions towards him and are seeking a way to eliminate him.

The allegorical story describes a landowner who, after having taken great care of his vineyard (cf. v. 33), had to depart and leave it in the hands of farmers. Then, at harvest time, he sends some servants to collect the fruit; but the tenants welcome the servants with a beating, and some even kill them. The householder sends other servants, more numerous, but they receive the same treatment (cf. vv. 34-36). The peak is reached when the landowner decides to send his son: the vine growers have no respect for him; on the contrary, they think that by eliminating him they can take over the vineyard, and so they kill him too (cf. vv. 37-39).

The image of the vineyard is clear: it represents the people whom the Lord has chosen and formed with such care; the servants sent by the landowner are the prophets, sent by God, while the son represents Jesus. And just as the prophets were rejected, so too Christ was rejected and killed.

At the end of the story, Jesus asks the leaders of the people: "When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" (v. 40). And, caught up in the logic of the narrative, they deliver their own sentence: the householder, they say, will severely punish those wicked people and "let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons" (v. 41).

With this very harsh parable, Jesus confronts his interlocutors with their responsibility, and he does so with extreme clarity. But let us not think that this admonition applies only to those who rejected Jesus at that time. It applies to all times, including our own. Even today God awaits the fruits of his vineyard from those he has sent to work in it. **All of us..**

Domingo 27 en el Horario Ordinario

Extracto de la Reflexión Espiritual del Papa Francisco, Mensaje del Ángelus, 4 de Octubre de 2020

LA AUTORIDAD ES PARA EL SERVICIO, NO PARA EL INTERÉS PROPIO

En el pasaje del Evangelio de hoy (cf. Mt 21:33-43) Jesús, al prever su Pasión y Muerte, cuenta la parábola de los viticultores asesinos, para amonestar a los principales sacerdotes y a los ancianos de las personas que están a punto de tomar el camino equivocado. De hecho, tienen malas intenciones hacia él y están buscando una manera de eliminarlo. La historia alegórica describe a un terrateniente que, después de haber cuidado mucho de su viñedo (cf. v. 33), tuvo que irse y dejarlo en manos de los agricultores. Luego, en el momento de la cosecha, envía a algunos sirvientes a recoger la fruta; pero los inquilinos dan la bienvenida a los sirvientes con una paliza, y algunos incluso los matan. La cabeza de familia envía a otros sirvientes, más numerosos, pero reciben el mismo trato (cf. vv. 34-36). El pico se alcanza cuando el terrateniente decide enviar a su hijo: los viticultores no lo respetan; por el contrario, piensan que al eliminarlo pueden hacerse cargo del viñedo, por lo que también lo matan (cf. vv. 37-39).

La imagen del viñedo es clara: representa a las personas que el Señor ha elegido y formado con tanto cuidado; los siervos enviados por el terrateniente son los profetas, enviados por Dios, mientras que el hijo representa a Jesús. Y así como los profetas fueron rechazados, también Cristo fue rechazado y asesinado.

Al final de la historia, Jesús pregunta a los líderes del pueblo: "Cuando venga el dueño del viñedo, ¿qué les hará a esos inquilinos?" (V. 40). Y, atrapados en la lógica de la narrativa, dictan su propia sentencia: el cabeza de familia, dicen, castigará severamente a esas personas malvadas y "dejará el viñedo a otros inquilinos que le darán los frutos en sus estaciones" (v. 41).

Con esta parábola tan dura, Jesús confronta a sus interlocutores con su responsabilidad, y lo hace con extrema claridad. Pero no pensemos que esta advertencia se aplica sólo a aquellos que rechazaron a Jesús en ese momento. Se aplica a todos los tiempos, incluido el nuestro. Incluso hoy en día, Dios espera los frutos de su viña de aquellos a los que ha enviado a trabajar en él. **Todos nosotros.**



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.**

● **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who attended and supported the Feast in the Vineyard. We appreciate the dedication and hard work from everyone who worked the event. Additional details next weekend.

● **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Confirmation Classes begin this Sunday, October 8, in the classroom from 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Registration is now closed. We welcome Pam Quiroz, who will be teaching the confirmation class and Liz Weiss and Martha O’Brien, who will be assisting the classes. We appreciate and thank all the teachers and other volunteers for making the registration process run smoothly and efficiently again this year.

● **NO WEEKEND DAY MASSES** during the week of October 16th through the 20th. Fr. Lawrence will be away attending the Annual Clergy Retreat.

Mass Intentions

October 7 through October 13, 2023

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

Vera, Eugeniuse and Roma

Harasymchuk & Sister By Beata Kurek

Sunday, October 8, 9:30 a.m.

Souls in Purgatory, especially those least remembered

By Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

Tuesday-Thursday 8:30am

Friday, October 13, 8:30 a.m.

Teresa Wells+

By Martha O’Brien

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.

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

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