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Newsletter – October 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Driving to Cobb Mountain, I could not help but notice the fall foliage all around me ... so vibrant and colorful! Many have fallen to the ground, soon to lose their color, giving me a pensive mood as I reflected on what the season of fall is teaching me. Learning to let go of even the most beautiful things in my life came to mind. Sad? Yes. But it also gave me hope for new beginnings and a reason to be happy and be thankful to God for lessons learned inspired by the many changes the season of fall brings!

There must have been a “bump” on the road that jolted me from my pondering that I was suddenly reminded of the work to be done collecting those leaves. I am so grateful that we have a Gary Graves, so dedicated to his voluntary work of mowing the lawn every week and for blowing and collecting the fallen leaves during fall. Gary, thank you for your superb service!

As many of you know, the Feast in the Vineyard which we celebrated last October 7 was also the celebration of my birthday and my 11th Sacerdotal Anniversary. I am grateful to God for sustaining me with His grace in my priestly and missionary vocation. Once again, a big thank you to all who participated, donated their time and talents, and brought food and other stuff ... to make the event a successful one.

The Diocese of Santa Rosa has organized a day of appreciation for their priests which will be on November 12. To me, having you as the parishioners of Saint Joseph ... is by itself an appreciation for my priestly ministry. I will never be able to thank you enough for your overwhelming generosity, kindness and support for our Parish liturgical activities and fundraising events. This is not just about me. It is about the building of Kingdom of God in our small Parish. I thank God for having chosen me as His instrument and for bringing me to this beautiful Parish with very supportive parishioners!

As I mention in every Mass, I encourage everyone to pray the rosary not only on this month of October, the month of the rosary, but to pray every day that Mary's Immaculate Heart may triumph in the world. Let us ask the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother for the end of war and for the beginning of peace in the whole world especially in the Middle East. Let us also include in our prayers all of the victims of war: those who were killed, wounded, kidnapped and imprisoned, displaced from their homes and facing hunger, suffering and great fear especially the innocent children.

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Mass Times

St. Joseph

Tuesday – Friday

8:30 a.m.

Sunday's at 9:30 a.m.

and

4:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Our Lady of the Lake

Loch Lomond

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Pines

Sunday's at 11:30 am.



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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.

Let us storm Heaven with our prayers to transform and convert the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression, grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward genuine world peace and not be guided by self-interest and blind indifference. Thank you for praying the rosary, our greatest weapon against evil ... to attain peace in our hearts and consequently peace in the whole world!

As we continue the beautiful season of autumn, entrusting our families and our Parish community to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to our Parish Patron Saint Joseph!

To God be the Glory!!!

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza
Pastor
St. Joseph Catholic Church

THE SERVIDORES DE MARIA committee, will be selling tamales on November 20th at Saint Joseph Church.

\$30.00 for a dozen

\$15.00 ½ dozen

Choose from Chicken, Pork, Vegetarian and Vegan options.

Please consider supporting this fundraiser by purchasing tamales.



SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2023

All Saints Day Mass (Wednesday, November 1)

English - 8:30 a.m.

Spanish - 5:30 p.m.

All Souls Day Mass (Thursday, November 2)

English- 8:30 a.m.

Spanish- 6:30 p.m.

First Friday (November 3)

English Mass - 8:30 a.m.

Adoration - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Spanish Mass - 7:00 p.m.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st IN HONOR OF ALL SAINTS DAY



THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE

Spanish Mass-Wednesday, November 22 @ 6:30 p.m. English Mass-Thursday, November 23 @ 8:30 a.m.

September 2023 Collection Totals

	1st	2nd	Total
09/2-3/2023	\$ 1,400.00	\$2,502.00	\$ 3,902.00
09/9-10/2023	\$ 862.00	\$1,103.00	\$ 1,965.00
09/16-17/2023	\$ 822.00	\$ 977.00	\$ 1,799.00
09/23-24/2023	\$ 1,058.00	\$1,277.00	\$ 2,335.00
Total	\$ 4,142.00	\$5,859.00	\$10,001.00
09/16-17/2023	Father Gabriel Mission		\$ 1,640.00