

# St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

## Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown, CA

December 3, 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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## 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)

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Excerpt from A Spiritual Reflection by Pope Francis, Angelus Message, November 29, 2020*

### AS HE ENTERS OUR LIVES EVERY DAY

Today, the First Sunday of Advent, a new Liturgical Year begins. In it, the Church marks the passage of time with the celebration of the main events in Jesus' life and the story of salvation. In so doing, as Mother, she illuminates the path of our existence, supports us in our daily affairs, and guides us towards the final encounter with Christ. Today's Liturgy invites us to live the first "important Season," which is that of Advent, the first of the Liturgical Year: Advent, which prepares us for Christmas, and is therefore a time of expectation. It is a time of hope, expectation and hope.....

Advent is a continuous call to hope: it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal, to lead it to its fullness, which is the Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ. God is present in the history of humanity; he is the "God-with-us." God is not distant; he is always with us, to the extent that very often he knocks on the door to our heart. God walks beside us to support us. The Lord does not abandon us; he accompanies us through the events of our lives to help us discover the meaning of the journey, the meaning of everyday life, to give us courage when we are under duress or suffering. In the midst of life's storms, God always extends his hand to us and frees us from threats. This is beautiful! In the Book of Deuteronomy there is a very beautiful passage, in which the Prophet says to the people: "For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us?" No one, only we have this grace of having God close to us. We await God, we hope that he manifests himself, but he too hopes that we manifest ourselves to him!

May Mary Most Holy, woman of expectation, accompany our steps at the beginning of this new Liturgical Year, and help us to fulfill the task of Jesus' disciples, indicated by the Apostle Peter: And what is this task? To account for the hope that is in us (cf. 1 Pet 3:15).

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### PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

**Extracto de Una Reflexión Espiritual del Papa Francisco, Mensaje del Ángelus, 29 de Noviembre de 2020  
COMO ÉL ENTRA EN NUESTRAS VIDAS TODOS LOS DÍAS**

Hoy, el primer domingo de Adviento, comienza un nuevo año litúrgico. En él, la Iglesia marca el paso del tiempo con la celebración de los principales acontecimientos de la vida de Jesús y la historia de la salvación. Al hacerlo, como Madre, ella ilumina el camino de nuestra existencia, nos apoya en nuestros asuntos diarios y nos guía hacia el encuentro final con Cristo. La Liturgia de hoy nos invita a vivir la primera "Temporada importante", que es la de Adviento, la primera del Año Litúrgico: Adviento, que nos prepara para la Navidad y por lo tanto, es un momento de expectativa. Es un momento de esperanza. ....

El Adviento es un llamado continuo a la esperanza: nos recuerda que Dios está presente en la historia para guiarlo a su objetivo final, para guiarlo a su plenitud, que es el Señor, el Señor Jesucristo. Dios está presente en la historia de la humanidad; él es el "Dios con nosotros". Dios no está distante; siempre está con nosotros, hasta el punto de que muy a menudo llama a la puerta de nuestro corazón. Dios camina a nuestro lado para apoyarnos. El Señor no nos abandona; nos acompaña a través de los acontecimientos de nuestras vidas para ayudarnos a descubrir el significado del viaje, el significado de la vida cotidiana, para darnos valor cuando estamos bajo coacción o sufrimiento. En medio de las tormentas de la vida, Dios siempre nos extiende su mano y nos libera de las amenazas. ¡Esto es hermoso! En el Libro de Deuteronomio hay un pasaje muy hermoso, en el que el Profeta le dice a la gente: "Porque ¿qué gran nación hay que tiene un dios tan cerca de ella como el Señor nuestro Dios es para nosotros?" Nadie, solo nosotros tenemos esta gracia de tener a Dios cerca de nosotros. Esperamos a Dios, esperamos que se manifieste, ¡pero él también espera que nos manifestemos ante él! Que María Santísima, mujer de la expectativa, acompañe nuestros pasos al comienzo de este nuevo Año Litúrgico, y nos ayude a cumplir la tarea de los discípulos de Jesús, indicada por el Apóstol Pedro: ¿Y cuál es esta tarea? Para explicar la esperanza que hay en nosotros (cf. 1 Pedro 3:15).



**Please pray for the sick in our parish**

and those who care for them.... Charlie Bigelow, 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.**



**COLLECTIONS**

**THANKSGIVING - \$250**

**NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

First Collection \$1204 Second Collection \$1463

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- *The next coffee social at St. Joseph will be on December 17.*
- *Father's Wish List...donations of Christmas lights and decorations for St. Joseph*
- *The Lady of the Lake Guild has an Advent Magnificat Companion available for members. They can be picked up before the 4:00 pm mass at Our Lady of the Lake or contact Suzanna Macedo 707 272-2518.*
- *Are you new to our parish, but not registered? Are you registered in our parish but not using collection envelopes? Now is the time to contact the office if you would like to sign up for collection envelopes or change your telephone number and/or email address or any other personal information. Contact Sandy now! 707 513-3991 or email [stjoseph11@att.net](mailto:stjoseph11@att.net).*

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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 scheduled every first Friday of the month. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Mass Intentions**

*December 2 – December 8*

Saturday, December 2, 4:00 p.m.

**Sister Eva O'Dea, RSM+** By: Gloria Huck

Sunday, December 3, 9:30 a.m.

**Jim Westrich+** By: Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

**Delia Nielson & Ed Tandoc (birthday)**

By: Delia Neilson

Tuesday, December 5, 8:30 a.m.

**Glynis Tambornini (sp)** By: Naomi Tambornini

*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.*



***NEXT SUNDAY...***

*December 10, 2023, three events after 9:30 Mass*

*First, blessing of the statues and of the grotto.*

*Second, join us for a Christmas Party - Potluck Brunch after the 9:30 Mass. Sign up with Jane or call 707 355-4398, to indicate what you will bring for the potluck.*

*Third, the traditional celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe will begin at 3:15 p.m. with a procession, mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by free delicious food and a lot of fun.*

*(A complete calendar for December is included with this bulletin. There will be a tent set up for outdoor events)*

***We are sad to announce the passing of Dennis McDonough on Sunday, November 19, his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday. A memorial mass is scheduled for 11 pm on Saturday, December 16, at St. Joseph. May he rest in peace!***

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