

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

November 5, 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)

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 23:1-12

Reflection by: Jane Cauley

In today's gospel, Jesus is speaking to the crowds and his disciples. He tells them to listen to the scribes and the Pharisees. The scribes were good at interpreting the meaning of Jewish law and were thought of as teachers of the law. The Pharisees were lay people who had a lot of passion for Jewish law and were often living examples of what all Jews were called on to do.

They thought that all people should follow the law as perfectly as possible in all ways of life. However, the scribes and the Pharisees didn't always practice what they preached. They put themselves on a pedestal.

(When reading this Gospel, I immediately thought of the video series, The Chosen, and the way most of the Pharisees thought and acted while watching and listening to Jesus!)

In this Gospel, Jesus speaks to the crowds telling them to listen to the scribes and Pharisees, but not to follow their examples. Why? Because they did not "practice what they preached." They were the teachers and believed they knew everything and believed they were "above the law." Jesus thought of them as hypocrites.

This is also true of civil leaders. They are expected to be role models ... and not to use their positions at the expense of others. We may know of past presidents who were smart and did well ... yet careless that even just one act of indiscretion could leave a black mark on what would have been considered exemplary performances!

Proverbs tell us in 16: 18-20 that pride comes before the fall. Our job is to obey the commandments. People with higher authority also need to obey the same commandments. Positions of power should never allow someone to think of themselves better than others. By humbling ourselves and loving Jesus and our neighbors we will be exalted in the eyes of God.

This is what the last sentence means to me in this Gospel. "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Trigésimo primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Reflexión de: Jane Cauley

En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús está hablando a la multitud y a sus discípulos. Les dice que escuchen a los escribas y a los fariseos. Los escribas eran buenos interpretando el significado de la ley judía y eran considerados como maestros de la ley. Los fariseos eran laicistas que tenían mucha pasión por la ley judía y a menudo eran ejemplos vivos de lo que todos los judíos estaban llamados a hacer.

Pensaron que todas las personas deberían seguir la ley lo más perfectamente posible en todas las formas de vida. Sin embargo, los escribas y los fariseos no siempre practicaban lo que predicaban. Se pusieron en un pedestal. (¡Al leer este Evangelio, inmediatamente pensé en la serie de videos, El Escogido (The Chosen), y en la forma en que la mayoría de los fariseos pensaban y actuaban mientras veían y escuchaban a Jesús!)

En este Evangelio, Jesús habla a las multitudes diciéndoles que escuchen a los escribas y a los fariseos, pero que no sigan sus ejemplos. ¿Por qué? Porque no "practicaron lo que predicaban". Eran los maestros y creían que lo sabían todo y creían que lo eran "Por encima de la ley". Jesús pensaba que eran hipócritas.

Esto también es cierto para los líderes civiles. Se espera que sean modelos a seguir... y que no utilicen sus posiciones a expensas de los demás. Podemos saber de presidentes anteriores que fueron inteligentes y lo hicieron bien... ¡pero descuidados de que incluso un solo acto de indiscreción podría dejar una marca negra en lo que se habrían considerado actuaciones ejemplares!

Los proverbios nos dicen en 16: 18-20 que el orgullo viene antes de la caída. Nuestro trabajo es obedecer los mandamientos. Las personas con mayor autoridad también necesitan obedecer los mismos mandamientos. Las posiciones de poder nunca deben permitir que alguien piense en sí mismo mejor que en los demás. Al humillarnos y al amar a Jesús y a nuestros prójimos, seremos exaltados a los ojos de Dios.

Esto es lo que significa para mí la última frase en este Evangelio. "El que se exalte a sí mismo será humillado; pero el que se humilla a sí mismo se regocijará".



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.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

● *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 Chicken and Pork, Vegetarian and Vegan upon request. Please consider supporting this fundraiser by buying.

● *El comité de Servidores de María* va a vender tamales el día 20 de noviembre en la Iglesia de San José. \$30.00 la docena \$15.00 ½ docena Pollo y Puerco Vegetarianos y Veganos avisar (es orden especial). Por favor, considere apoyar comprando.

● *Coffee social dates during the holiday season will be on November 19 and December 17. Mark your calendars.*

● *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 or email address.*

● *Fr. Juan Ramon will be celebrating the mass and hearing confession on Friday, November 10 at 6:30 pm in Spanish.*

● *A Memorial mass for our beloved parishioner Jim Westrich, will be said on Saturday, November 11 at 11 a.m.*

Mass Intentions 

Saturday, November 5, 4:00 p.m.

Tambornini/Fernande Families

By Glynis & Mo

Sunday, November 6, 9:30 a.m.

Matthew DaRosa+

By Noel DaRosa

Friday, November 10, 9:30 a.m.

Nat Cariela (birthday)

By Sandy Hood

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.



THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE

Spanish Mass-Wednesday, November 22 @ 6:30 p.m.

English Mass-Thursday, November 23 @ 8:30 a.m.

The office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in honor of Thanksgiving.

COLLECTIONS October 28-29

First Collection \$1046

Second Collection \$1132

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.

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

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