

# St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

## Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

November 19, 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.  
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)

## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Matthew 25: 14-30

#### Reflection By: Ray Hoogendoorn

Recapping today's Gospel, Jesus tells us the story of the Parable of the Talents. As the parable goes, a wealthy landowner goes on a trip and entrusts his wealth to three of his servants. To one he gives five talents; to another, two; and to the last, one talent. While their master is gone, the first two double the master's money, while the third servant hides the money and does nothing with it.

When the master returns, he meets with the three servants. The first two show the master they doubled his money and the master is well pleased, but the third servant gives his master the one talent back saying that he hid his money out of fear. The master becomes angry at the servant and orders the one talent to be given to the first servant who invested most boldly.

What is the meaning of the parable? It is definitely not about economics, but about how we deal with our God-given talents. We know that Jesus is the true Lord and Master and He represents the landowner who is on a long journey (by returning to the Father). He will eventually return and when He does, He will make us account for what we did with our gifts and abilities that God bestowed on each of us. It is not about how much wealth we made, but how we loved, cared for and served others. Jesus said, "what you do for one of the least of my brothers, you do for me."

The first two servants represent the sharing of graces and growing spiritually. The third servant represents the acting out of fear and non-use of our God-given talents. This divine grace will only grow in us as we share it with others, otherwise it will disappear, just as the one coin was given back to the first servant.

"For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

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## Trigésimo Tercer Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario

### Mateo 25: 14-30

#### Reflexión de: Ray Hoogendoorn

Recapitulando el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos cuenta la historia de la Parábola de los Talentos. A medida que avanza la parábola, un terrateniente rico se va de viaje y confía su riqueza a tres de sus sirvientes. A uno le da cinco talentos; a otro, dos; y al último, un talento. Mientras su amo se ha ido, los dos primeros duplican el dinero del maestro, mientras que el tercer sirviente esconde el dinero y no hace nada con él.

Cuando el amo regresa, se reúne con los tres sirvientes. Los dos primeros muestran al maestro que duplicaron su dinero y el maestro está muy contento, pero el tercer sirviente le devuelve a su maestro el único talento diciendo que escondió su dinero por miedo. El maestro se enoja con el sirviente y ordena que se le dé el único talento al primer sirviente que invirtió con más audacia.

¿Cuál es el significado de la parábola? Definitivamente no se trata de economía, sino de cómo tratamos con nuestros talentos dados por Dios. Sabemos que Jesús es el verdadero Señor y Maestro y representa al terrateniente que está en un largo viaje (al regresar al Padre). Eventualmente regresará y cuando lo haga, nos hará dar cuenta de lo que hicimos con nuestros dones y habilidades que Dios nos otorgó a cada uno de nosotros. No se trata de cuánta riqueza gané, sino de cómo amamos, cuidamos y servimos a los demás. Jesús dijo: "lo que haces por uno de los más pequeños de mis hermanos, lo haces por mí".

Los dos primeros sirvientes representan el intercambio de gracias y el crecimiento espiritual. El tercer siervo representa la actuación por miedo, y el no uso de nuestros talentos dados por Dios. Esta gracia divina solo crecerá en nosotros a medida que la compartamos con otros, de lo contrario desaparecerá, al igual que la única moneda fue que fue devuelta al primer siervo.

"Porque a todo el que tiene, se le dará más y se enriquecerá; pero al que no lo ha hecho, incluso se le quitará lo que tiene".



**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-TAMALES SALE, today is not too late, but, this is the last day to order tamales. See Jane after the 9:30 am mass, or call Laura at 707-569-6838. Tamales will be ready on November 20th at Saint Joseph Church beginning at 3:00 p.m. \$30.00 for a dozen \$15.00 for one-half dozen. Chicken and Pork, Vegetarian and Vegan upon request.***

● *Coffee social today, November 19 after the 9:30 a.m. mass. Next coffee social at St. Joseph will be on 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 or any other personal information.***

● ***Father's Wish List...donations of Christmas lights and decorations for St. Joseph***

**COLLECTIONS NOVEMBER 11 & 12**

**First Collection \$1122**

**Second Collection \$2403**

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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** 

**Saturday, November 18, 4:00 p.m.**

**David Mogni+** By: Charlene Chappell

**Jerry Smith+** By: Lorna Smith

**Sunday, November 19, 9:30 a.m.**

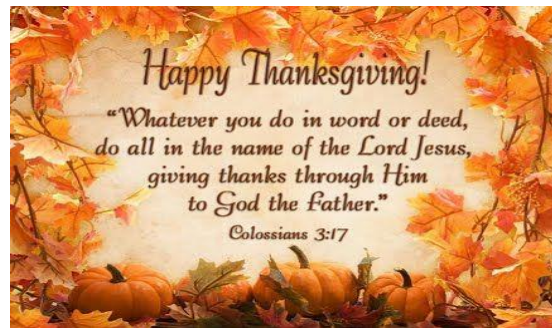
**Jim Westrich+** By: Net & Sally Munger

**Jim Westrich+** By: Harry & Rilla Krall

**Tuesday, November 21, 8:30 a.m.**

**Hermino Cacho+** By: Glynis & Mo

*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 both November 22 and November 23 in honor of Thanksgiving Day.



**MARK YOUR DECEMBER CALENDAR**

**December 10, 2023 (three events)**

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

**Second, join us for a Christmas Party -**

**Potluck Brunch after the 9:30 mass.**

**There will be a tent set up for the events.**

**Third, the traditional celebration in honor of Our**

**Lady of Guadalupe will begin at 3:30 p.m. with a**

**procession, mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by free delicious food and a lot of fun.**



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