

# St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

*Our Lady of the Lake Mission*

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

November 26, 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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Solemnity of Christ the King

#### Reflection By: Diedra Lagle

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. He sits at the right hand of the Father awaiting our arrival. The Feast has its roots in the Old Testament, where God is often referred to as King. "The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules overall." (Psalm 103:19) The New Testament also describes Jesus' Kingship and says, "**My Kingdom is not of this world.**" (John 18:36)

Like a good King, He seeks us out from where we are "scattered when it was cloudy and dark." (Ezekiel 34:12) As a great King, He is ready to embrace us regardless of our wrongdoings – pride, envy, lust, wrath, greed, sloth, gluttony - namely the 7 deadly sins. As the greatest King, He suffered, died, and rose from the dead, destroying the last enemy ... death ... and consequently, gifted us with life everlasting!

Jesus came as King of the Universe, but He is the humblest of all. He came to serve us and we, in turn, are called to serve others in the same way. We must live our lives according to His teachings and by sharing the Good News of His love. We are to be His hands and feet among the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the ill, the naked and the imprisoned.

Our acts of mercy stem from His presence within us through the reception of the Eucharist. We can be His "little" kings, bringing His message of mercy and love to all whose paths we cross, especially the poorest of the poor.

This Feast is a reminder that Jesus, as the perfect King, will return to earth in glory. He will judge the living and the dead and He will establish His Kingdom forever. Alleluia!

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### Solemnidad de Cristo Rey

#### Reflexión por: Diedra Lagle

Hoy celebramos la solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo el Rey. Se sienta a la diestra del Padre esperando nuestra llegada. La fiesta tiene sus raíces en el Antiguo Testamento, donde a menudo se hace referencia a Dios como Rey. "El Señor ha establecido Su trono en el cielo, y Su reino gobierna en general". (Salmo 103:19) El Nuevo Testamento también describe la realeza de Jesús y dice: "**Mi reino no es de este mundo**". (Juan 18:36)

Como un buen rey, nos busca desde donde estamos "dispersos y cuando está nublado y oscuro". (Ezequiel 34:12) Como gran Rey, Él está listo para abrazarnos independientemente de nuestras malas acciones: orgullo, envidia, lujuria, ira, codicia, pereza, glotonería, a saber, los 7 pecados capitales. Como el rey más grande, sufrió, murió y resucitó de entre los muertos, destruyendo al último enemigo... "la muerte"... ¡y, en consecuencia, nos regaló la vida eterna!

Jesús vino como Rey del Universo, pero Él es el más humilde de todos. Él vino a servirnos y nosotros, a su vez, estamos llamados a servir a los demás de la misma manera. Debemos vivir nuestras vidas de acuerdo con Sus enseñanzas y compartiendo las Buenas Nuevas de Su amor. Vamos a ser Sus manos y pies entre los hambrientos y sedientos, los extraños, los enfermos, los desnudos y los encarcelados.

Nuestros actos de misericordia se derivan de su presencia dentro de nosotros a través de la recepción de la Eucaristía. Podemos ser Sus "pequeños" reyes, llevando Su mensaje de misericordia y amor a todos cuyos caminos cruzamos, especialmente a los más pobres de los pobres.

Esta fiesta es un recordatorio de que Jesús, como el Rey perfecto, volverá a la tierra en gloria. Él juzgará a los vivos y a los muertos y establecerá Su Reino para siempre. ¡Aleluya!



**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 next coffee social at St. Joseph will be on December 17. Mark your calendar.*
- *Father's Wish List...donations of Christmas lights and decorations for St. Joseph*
- *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).*



**COLLECTIONS NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

First Collection \$


Second Collection \$

**Visit our website for a copy of the bulletin.**

[stjoseph-middletown.com](http://stjoseph-middletown.com)

“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** 

*November 25 to December 1*

**Saturday, November 25, 4:00 p.m.**

**Brother Joshua Seidl, SSP+ By: Gloria Huck**

**Sunday, November 26, 9:30 a.m.**

**Kathy Boll+ By: Tony & Mary Ann Arnold**

**Bob Coate+ By: Spike O'Keefe**

**Amy & Sara Hoogendoorn++**

**By: Ray & Linda Hoogendoorn**

**Tuesday, November 28, 8:30 a.m.**

**Truman Bernal+ By: Glynis & Mo**

**Friday, December 1, 8:30 a.m.**

**Naomi Tambornini By: Glynis Fernande**

**(happy birthday)**

*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.*



**DECEMBER 10**

**A BIG DAY FOR OUR PARISH....**

**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. Signup with Jane or call 707 355-4398, to indicate what your 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)***



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