

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

November 12, 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

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For those who are elderly, seriously
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Parish Office Hours:

Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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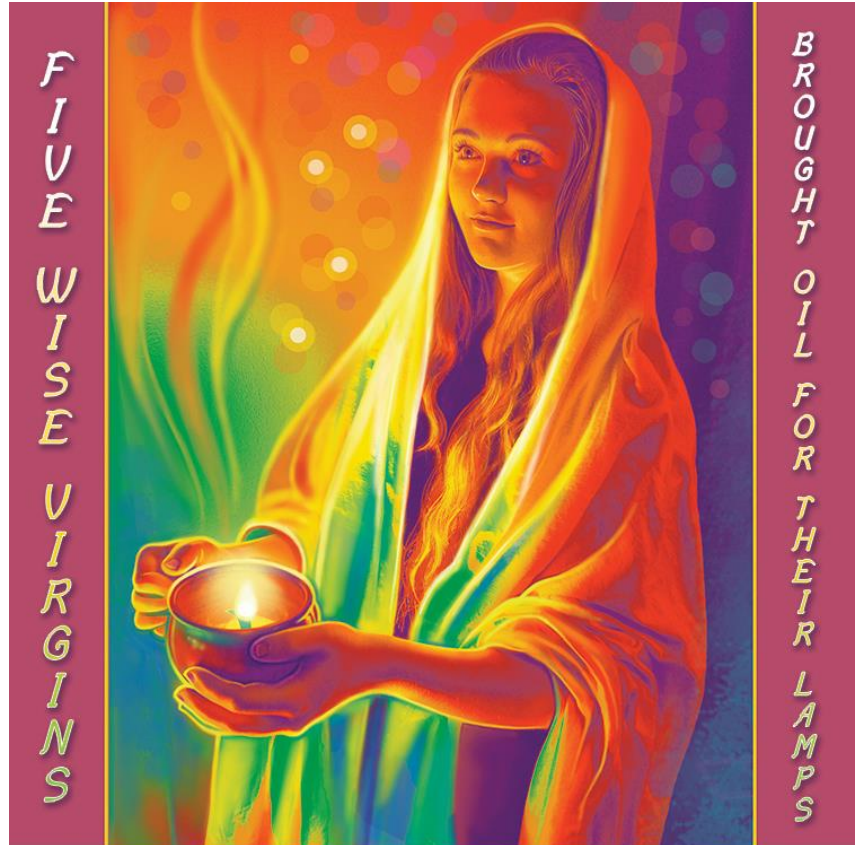
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MASS SCHEDULE

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reflection by: Gary Graves

The Readings this week teach us about wisdom, prudence, and patience. The first reading from the Book of Wisdom tells us that the pursuit of wisdom is “the perfection of prudence”. Wisdom is a Divine gift. And if we seek wisdom, we will find it. Wisdom will help us to understand God's message and give us the practical knowledge to distinguish good from evil, and right from wrong. With this knowledge and prudence, we can make decisions in our daily lives to live a life consistent with His message. To find Wisdom is to find God. The Gospel according to Matthew continues the theme of wisdom and prudence. In the Gospel, Jesus shares a parable likening the pursuit of Heaven to ten virgins waiting to meet a bridegroom, as was the custom at that time. Five of them were wise and brought extra oil for their lamps. The other five did not. The bridegroom was delayed and the five virgins without extra oil ran out. They left to purchase additional oil and while they were gone the bridegroom arrived. The five wise virgins were welcomed into the wedding feast and the door was locked leaving the other five virgins out in the dark. In this parable, Jesus is telling us we must always be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven because we know neither the day nor the hour. We cannot make last-minute preparations or reparations and we cannot rely on others. We must always be ready and vigilant. As discussed in the first reading, we can use God's gift of wisdom to guide us in our preparations. If we are not prepared, we will be left out in the dark like the five unprepared virgins. In the second reading, Saint Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonians, addresses concerns of the early Christians. At that time, Christians were anxiously awaiting the second coming of Jesus. They thought it would happen soon and some were becoming impatient and losing faith. They were also afraid that those who died before the second coming would not be saved. In his letter, Saint Paul reassured them that even those who died would be saved; God will raise them up; and that they should keep the faith and be patient. And 2,000 years later, Saint Paul's message is even more pertinent! We must keep the faith and focus on preparing ourselves for His coming and be PATIENT. Like the bridegroom in today's gospel, we know not when Jesus will come again, therefore we must remain ready.

Treinta y segundo domingo en el tiempo ordinario

Reflexión del Evangelio por: Gary Graves

Las lecturas de esta semana nos enseñan sobre sabiduría, prudencia y paciencia. La primera lectura del Libro de la Sabiduría nos dice que la búsqueda de la sabiduría es "la perfección de la prudencia".

La sabiduría es un regalo divino. Y si buscamos sabiduría, la encontraremos. La sabiduría nos ayudará a entender el mensaje de Dios y nos dará el conocimiento práctico para distinguir el bien del mal, y el mal del bien. Con este conocimiento y prudencia podemos tomar decisiones en nuestra vida diaria para vivir una vida consistente con su mensaje. Encontrar la sabiduría es encontrar a Dios.

El Evangelio según San Mateo continúa el tema de la sabiduría y la prudencia. En el Evangelio, Jesús comparte una parábola que compara la búsqueda del cielo con diez vírgenes que esperan encontrar un novio, como era la costumbre en ese momento. Cinco de ellos fueron sabias y trajeron aceite extra para sus lámparas. Las otras cinco no lo hicieron. El novio se retrasó y las cinco vírgenes sin aceite extra se les terminó, fueron a comprar aceite adicional y mientras no estaban, llegó el novio. Las cinco vírgenes sabias fueron recibidas en la fiesta de la boda y la puerta estaba cerrada con llave, dejando a las otras cinco vírgenes en la oscuridad. En esta parábola, Jesús nos está diciendo que siempre debemos estar preparados para recibir el Reino de los Cielos porque no conocemos ni el día ni la hora. No podemos hacer preparativos o reparaciones de última hora y no podemos confiar en los demás. Siempre debemos estar listos y vigilantes. Como se discutió en la primera lectura, podemos usar el don de la sabiduría de Dios para guiarnos en nuestros preparativos. Si no estamos preparados, nos quedaremos en la oscuridad como las cinco vírgenes no preparadas. En la segunda lectura de San Pablo, en su carta a los Tesalonicenses, aborda las preocupaciones de los primeros cristianos. En ese momento, los cristianos esperaban ansiosamente la segunda venida de Jesús. Pensaron que sucedería pronto y algunos se estaban impacientando y perdiendo la fe. También temían que los que murieron antes de la segunda venida no se salvarán. En su carta, San Pablo les aseguró que incluso los que murieron serían salvos; que Dios los levantará; y que deben mantener la fe y ser pacientes. ¡Y 2.000 años después, el mensaje de San Pablo es aún más pertinente! Debemos mantener la fe y centrarnos en prepararnos para su venida y ser PACIENTES. Al igual que la novia en el evangelio de hoy, no sabemos cuándo volverá Jesús, por lo tanto, debemos permanecer listos.



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, call Laura for orders 707 569-9838.

● *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. Contacto Laura 707 569-6838.*

● 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.**

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

**PRIEST APPRECIATION DAY
REMEMBER OUR PASTOR TODAY
NOVEMBER 12**

Visit our website for a copy of the bulletin. 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

Saturday, November 11, 4:00 p.m.

**Marion & Cecil and Celestina & Frank++++
(the parents of Joan & Bob Hume)**

By: Joan Hume

Sunday, November 12, 9:30 a.m.

Paula Johnson+

By: Ned & Sally Munger

Jerry Smith+

By: Lorna Smith

and for

Fr. Lawrence (in appreciation)

By: St. Joseph Parishioners

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

First, join us for a Christmas Party -

Potluck Brunch after the 9:30 mass.

There will be a tent set up for the events.

Second, 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

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