

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

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Schedule of Services:

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7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Spanish
or by Appointment

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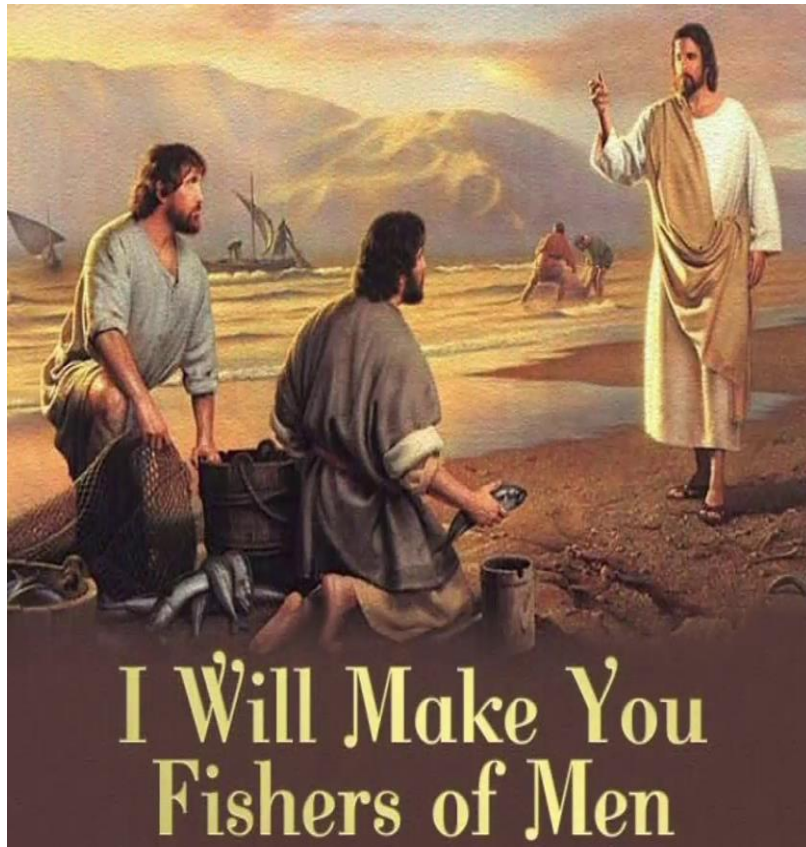
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For those who are elderly, seriously
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Parish Office Hours:

Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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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)

“Repent and Believe in the Gospel” by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

This Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is the Sunday of the Word of God. Through an Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. Today’s readings speak of time for change, time for repentance ... premised on or in conjunction with knowing and believing in the Word of God. Thus, Jesus says, **“Repent and Believe in the Gospel.”**

In our First Reading (Jonah 3:1-5, 10), God sends word to the sinful people of Nineveh through Jonah. The Ninevites believe the Word of God announced by Jonah and they repent ... and God spares them from the destruction of their city! Likewise, our Second Reading (1 Corinthians 7:29-31) is a call for repentance. St. Paul believes that the end of the world, the return of the Lord Jesus is coming soon. Thus, he urges the Corinthians to live lives detached from the worldly ways. He asks that they let go of their old habits and ways of life and focus on the coming Reign of God.

Such is the very essence of today’s Gospel Reading (Mark 1:14-20) as Jesus begins His ministry by announcing the coming of the Reign of God and says, **“Repent and Believe in the Gospel.”** We have just started Cycle B of the Lectionary, a cycle dedicated to St. Mark. The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus’ birth as in the two other synoptic Gospels. Instead, Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist then on Jesus’ baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus’ public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist demonstrating the significant connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus’ own ministry.

Like John the Baptist, Jesus’ pronouncement of the kingdom is a call for repentance. Moreover, Jesus begins the time of fulfillment. With Jesus’ words and actions through His healings and forgiveness, the Kingdom of God is already here. May we all believe that God has established the Reign of God now through the ministry of Jesus, leading to true repentance and forgiveness of sin. Next, we hear Jesus call Peter, Andrew then James and John. Jesus asks them to drop their fishing nets and be fishers of men instead ... gathering people to be part of the Reign of God. Belief and being part of the Reign of God require changes in one’s lives, changes that are as dramatic as those of the Ninevites and of Peter, Andrew, James and John ... or those of the Corinthian believers. May we all be ready to change and respond to Jesus’ call to **“Repent and Believe in the Gospel.”**

"Arrepiéntete y cree en el Evangelio" por el Padre Lawrence Mendoza

Este es el tercer domingo en tiempo ordinario es el domingo de la Palabra de Dios. A través de una carta apostólica, el Papa Francisco declaró que el Tercer Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario se dedicará a la celebración, el estudio y la difusión de la Palabra de Dios. Las lecturas de hoy hablan de tiempo para el cambio, tiempo para el arrepentimiento... basado en o en conjunción con conocer y creer en la Palabra de Dios. Así, Jesús dice: **"Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio".**

En nuestra Primera Lectura (Jonás 3:1-5, 10), Dios envía la palabra al pueblo pecaminoso de Nínive a través de Jonás. Los ninivitas creen en la Palabra de Dios la cual fue anunciada por Jonás y se arrepienten... ¡Entonces Dios los perdona de la destrucción de su ciudad! Del mismo modo, nuestra Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 7:29-31) es un llamado al arrepentimiento. San Pablo cree que el fin del mundo, el regreso del Señor Jesús, llegará pronto. Por lo tanto, insta a los Corintios a vivir vidas separadas de los caminos mundanos. Pide que dejen de lado sus viejos hábitos y formas de vida y se centren en el próximo Reino de Dios.



Tal es la esencia misma de la lectura del Evangelio de hoy (Marcos 1:14-20) cuando Jesús comienza su ministerio anunciando la venida del Reino de Dios y dice: **"Arrepiéntete y cree en el Evangelio".** Acabamos de comenzar el Ciclo B del Leccionario, un ciclo dedicado a San Marcos. El Evangelio de Marcos no comienza con una narrativa sobre el nacimiento de Jesús como en los otros dos evangelios sinópticos. En cambio, Marcos comienza informando sobre la predicación de Juan el Bautista y luego sobre el bautismo de Jesús y su tentación en el desierto. El ministerio público de Jesús comienza después del arresto de Juan el Bautista, demostrando la importante conexión entre el final del ministerio de Juan el Bautista y el comienzo del propio ministerio de Jesús.

Al igual que Juan el Bautista, el pronunciamiento del reino de Jesús es un llamado al arrepentimiento. Además, Jesús comienza el tiempo de cumplimiento. Con las palabras y acciones de Jesús a través de Sus curaciones y perdón, el Reino de Dios ya está aquí. Que todos creamos que Dios ha establecido el Reino de Dios ahora a través del ministerio de Jesús, lo que lleva al verdadero arrepentimiento y al perdón del pecado. A continuación, escuchamos a Jesús llamar a Pedro, a Andrés, luego a James y a Juan. Jesús les pide que dejen caer sus redes de pesca y que en su lugar sean pescadores de hombres... reuniendo gente para ser parte del Reino de Dios. La creencia y ser parte del Reino de Dios requieren cambios en la vida de uno, cambios que son tan dramáticos como los de los Ninivitas y de Pedro, Andrés, Santiago y Juan... o los de los creyentes corintios. Que todos estemos listos para cambiar y responder al llamado de Jesús a **"Arrepentirse y creer en el Evangelio".**



Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who care for them.... Charlotte Baker, Charlie Bigelow, Larry Boll, Lourdes Borzoni Susan Conley, 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 AMA Refund for 2023 was received this week from the diocese. Due to your generous contributions, we received a refund check for \$1339. AMA 2024 has started. Many of you have received envelopes at home. We will be passing out envelopes today. You can complete the envelope and put in the collection basket.*
 - *The St. Joseph Annual Banquet (formerly the Blarney Banquet) will be held on March 16 at the Twin Pines Event Center. Tickets on sale beginning February 4. More info later.*
-  • *Year-end donation statements for tax purposes are now available. Contact the office for your statement.*
-  *Thank you to everyone who has picked up their collection envelopes from St. Joseph. There are a few left at both churches. If you have questions, please call Sandy in the office.*
 - *The next Coffee Social will be held on January 28 after the 9:30 a.m. mass.*



The Super Bowl is February 11th and squares will be sold after Sunday Mass until February 4th. Each square is \$50 and if all squares are sold, winners will receive \$1,000 (halftime) and \$1,500 (final score). If all squares are sold, \$2500 will go to the parish. Please tell your neighbors and friends who might be interested in participating, or if you are interested in joining a group, please call Mary Ann Arnold at 707 987-9958. For squares or questions, call Jane at (707) 355-4398 or Esther at (707) 772-6200.

Mass Intentions 

- Saturday, January 20, 4:00 p.m.**
Vitalis Oloo and the Kenyan Villagers
By: Esther Oertel
- Sunday, January 21, 9:30 a.m.**
Dona Rodmill (sp) By: Ned & Sally Munger and Anne MacKey
- Thursday, January 25, 8:30 a.m.**
The Bishop & Priests in Nicaragua
By: Naomi Tambornini
- Friday, January 26, 8:30 a.m.**
Karl Tambornini (90 birthday)
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.



PLATE COLLECTIONS – January 13 & 14
Our Lady of the Lake \$653
St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$1350.25
St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$369
Totals = First Collection \$1133.50 Second Collection \$1254.25
Your generosity is appreciated!

RAISING MONEY FOR A NEW ROOF

*All fundraisers in 2024 will be dedicated to raising money for a new roof for the church, rectory, and the classroom/storage/garage building. **The exception will be the banquet that will be held on March 16, as those proceeds always go towards the insurance.** A copy of the tentative schedule of events is enclosed with this bulletin. This will be a huge project for this small church, but, as many of you will remember, we raised enough money for the parking lot, and we built a bell tower at Our Lady of the Lake. We can do this too....*

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.

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