

St. Joseph Parish – Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

February 25, 2024

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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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“THIS IS MY BELOVED
SON. LISTEN TO HIM.”



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)

Spiritual Reflection

Second Sunday of Lent-Gospel of Mark: 9:2-10

Reflections by: Noele DaRosa

The Transfiguration of Jesus

Why did Moses and Elijah, of all the prophets, appear with Jesus at the Transfiguration? Moses lived in the 13th century B.C., 400 years before Elijah (9th century B.C.). Yet, both are important in the Transfiguration, because Moses represents the old Jewish Law and Elijah the Prophets.

Elijah serves as the greatest religious leader and prophet of his generation and ranks with Moses in saving the religion of the Hebrew God, Yahweh, from being corrupted by the worship of Baal (1 Kings 18), the Canaanite deity. Both Elijah and Moses have a vision of God on a mountain: Moses on Mount Sinai (Exodus 24) and Elijah on Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19).

Peter, James, and John were the inner circle of the group of 12, maybe because they were among the first to hear Jesus' call to follow Him, or they were the readiest to accept and understand the special revelation of his purity and glory.

The Transfiguration revealed Jesus' divine nature. God's voice exalted Jesus above Moses and Elijah as the long-awaited Messiah with full divine authority. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament law and the prophetic promises. He is not merely one of the prophets, but God's only beloved son.

To find out what they were talking about, we must refer to Luke 9:31. "They appeared in Glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem".

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him". We must not only listen to Him but emulate him in our everyday lives if we are to be worthy of calling ourselves Christians.

Segundo Domingo del Evangelio de Marcos: 9:2-10

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La Transfiguración de Jesús

¿Por qué Moisés y Elías, de todos los profetas que aparecieron con Jesús en la Transfiguración? Moisés vivió en el siglo XIII a 400 años antes de Cristo Elías (siglo IX a. C.). Sin embargo, ambos son importantes en la Transfiguración, porque Moisés representa la antigua Ley judía y a Elías los Profetas.

Elías sirve como el mayor líder religioso y profeta de su generación y se alinea con Moisés para salvar la religión del Dios hebreo, Yahvé, de ser corrompido por la adoración de Baal (1 Reyes 18), la deidad cananea. Tanto Elías como Moisés tienen una visión de Dios en una montaña: Moisés en el Monte Sinaí (Éxodo 24) y Elías en el Monte Horeb (1 Reyes 19).

Pedro, Santiago y Juan eran el círculo íntimo del grupo de los 12, tal vez porque estaban entre los primeros en escuchar el llamado de Jesús a seguirlo, o eran los más listos para aceptar y entender la revelación especial de su pureza y gloria.

La Transfiguración reveló la naturaleza divina de Jesús. La voz de Dios exaltó a Jesús por encima de Moisés y Elías como el tan esperado Mesías con plena autoridad divina. Jesús es el cumplimiento de la ley del Antiguo Testamento y de las promesas proféticas. No es solo uno de los profetas, sino el único hijo amado de Dios.

Para saber de qué estaban hablando, debemos referirnos a Lucas 9:31. "Aparecieron en Gloria y estaban hablando de su partida, que estaba a punto de lograr en Jerusalén".

"Este es mi amado hijo. Escúchalo". No solo debemos escucharlo, sino emularlo en nuestra vida cotidiana si queremos ser dignos de llamarnos cristianos.



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, Ines Mendoza, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, Karen Ness, Don Nielsen, Andres Ochoa, Joaquina Ortega, Tyrone Rivera, Melody Royvel, Jim Serventi, Kirt Smartt, Judith Spears, Debbie Spicart, Leslie Thomas, Toni Vecellio, and **special intentions for all who suffer from cancer.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Included in a memo from our Bishop dated February 16, 2024, “Adam Kotas was laicized in January 2024.”*
- *Coffee Social after the 9:30 a.m. mass today in the classroom. Please join us for coffee, a donut, and great conversation.*
- *During the Lenten season, we will not be using flowers for our Altar decorations. You may bring some green plants and leafy branches instead. We have sign-up sheets at the back of the church for those who want to donate.*
- *Year-end donation statements for tax purposes are still available. Contact the office for your statement.*
- *Annual Banquet Fundraiser plans are still in progress, more details at a later date.*

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.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 24, 4:00 p.m.

Karen Thomas(sp) By: Monica Huff

Sunday, February 25, 9:30 a.m.

Stephen Vecellio+ By: Toni Vecellio

Madelaine Matthews and

Roxanne Matthews (sps) By: Delia Neilson

Friday, March 1, 8:30 a.m.

Alec Tambornini (sp) By: Naomi Tambornini

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 – February 17 & 18

Our Lady of the Lake \$398

St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$1800

St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$442

Totals = First Collection \$1259 Second Collection \$1381

Thank you!



**Stations of the Cross
at St. Joseph During Lent
5:00 p.m. every Friday in English
6:00 p.m. every Friday in Spanish**

St. Joseph “Roof Special Project”

We have started to receive checks for the Roof Fundraiser. Please make out your donation checks to St. Joseph Roof Fund. All donations towards the roof will go into this account, not the parish primary checking account. The total to date in our Roofing Account is \$3,844.

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