

St. Joseph Parish - Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

April 21, 2024

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

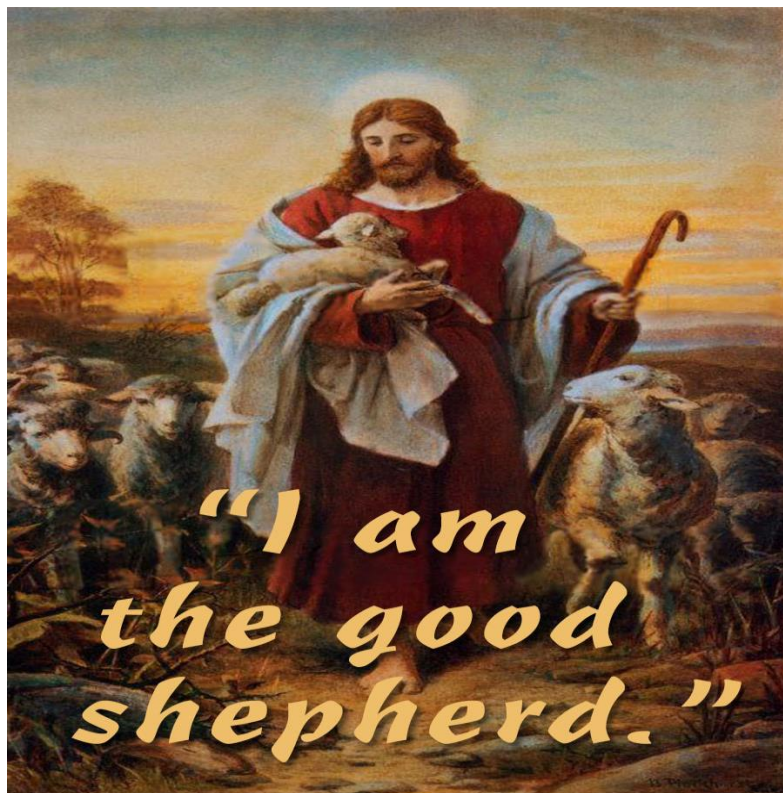
Anointing of the Sick

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.
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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)

Spiritual Reflection – Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD, DEFENDS, KNOWS, AND LOVES EVERY ONE OF US

A Spiritual Reflection by Pope Francis, Regina Caeli, April 25, 2021

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, called Good Shepherd Sunday, the Gospel (Jn 10:11-18) presents Jesus as the true shepherd who defends, knows, and loves his sheep.

The “mercenary,” the one who does not care about the sheep because they are not his, is the opposite of the Good Shepherd. He does the job only for pay and is not concerned about defending them: when a wolf arrives, he flees and abandons them (cf. vv. 12-13). Instead, Jesus, the true shepherd, defends us always and saves us in so many difficult, dangerous situations through the light of his word and the strength of his presence that we always experience if we want to listen, every day.

The second aspect is that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows — the first aspect: defend; the second: he knows his sheep and the sheep know him (v. 14). How beautiful and comforting it is to know that Jesus knows us one by one, that we are not unknown to him, that our name is known to him! We are not a “mass,” a “multitude” for him, no. We are unique individuals, each with his or her own story. He knows each of us with our own story, each one with his or her own value, both as creatures and as people redeemed by Christ. Each of us can say: Jesus knows me! It is true, it is like this: He knows us like no other. Only he knows what is in our hearts, our intentions, our most hidden feelings. Jesus knows our strengths and our defects, and is always ready to care for us, to heal the wounds of our errors with the abundance of his mercy. In him, the image the prophets had provided of the shepherd of the people of God is completely fulfilled: Jesus is concerned about his sheep, he gathers them, he binds their wounds, he heals their ailments. We can read this in the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (cf. Ez 34:11-16).

Therefore, Jesus the Good Shepherd defends, knows, and above all loves his sheep. And this is why he gives his life for them (cf. Jn 10:15). Love for his sheep, that is, for each one of us, leads him to die on the Cross because this is the Father’s will — that no one should be lost.

Christ’s love is not selective; it embraces everyone. He himself reminds us of this in today’s Gospel when he says: “And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd” (Jn 10:16). These words testify to his universal concern: He is everyone’s shepherd. Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father’s love and encounter God.

And the Church is called to carry on this mission of Christ. Aside from those who participate in our communities, there are many people, the majority, who do so only at particular moments or never. But this does not mean they are not God’s children: the Father entrusts everyone to Jesus the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for everyone.

Brothers and sisters, Jesus defends, knows, and loves all of us. May Mary Most Holy help us be the first to welcome and follow the Good Shepherd, to joyfully cooperate in his mission.

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21 de abril de 2024

JESÚS, EL BUEN PASTOR, NOS DEFIENDE, CONOCE Y AMA A CADA UNO DE NOSOTROS

Una reflexión espiritual del Papa Francisco, Regina Caeli, 25 de abril de 2021

En este Cuarto Domingo de Pascua, llamado Domingo del Buen Pastor, el Evangelio (Jn 10:11-18) presenta a Jesús como el verdadero pastor que defiende, conoce y ama a sus ovejas.

El “mercenario”, el que no se preocupa por las ovejas porque no son suyas, es lo opuesto del Buen Pastor. Él hace el trabajo solo por una paga y no le preocupa defenderlos: cuando llega un lobo, huye y los abandona (cf. vv. 12-13). En cambio, Jesús, el verdadero pastor, nos defiende siempre y nos salva en tantas situaciones difíciles y peligrosas a través de la luz de su palabra y la fuerza de su presencia que siempre experimentamos si queremos escuchar, todos los días. Jesús, el Buen Pastor sabe: el primer aspecto el cual es: defender; y el segundo es que: él conoce a sus ovejas y las ovejas lo conocen (v. 14). ¡Qué hermoso y reconfortante es saber que Jesús nos conoce uno por uno, que reconoce nuestro nombre además de que no somos desconocidos para él! No somos una “masa”, una “multitud”. Somos individuos únicos, cada uno con su propia historia. Él nos conoce a cada uno de nosotros con nuestra propia historia y nuestro propio valor, tanto como criaturas como como personas redimidas por Cristo. Cada uno de nosotros puede decir: ¡Jesús me conoce como ningún otro. Solo él sabe lo que hay en nuestros corazones, nuestras intenciones, nuestros sentimientos más ocultos. Jesús conoce nuestras fortalezas y nuestros defectos, y siempre está listo para cuidar de nosotros, para curar las heridas de nuestros errores con la abundancia de su misericordia. En él, la imagen que los profetas habían proporcionado del pastor del pueblo de Dios se cumple por completo: Jesús está preocupado por sus ovejas, las recoge, ata sus heridas, cura sus dolencias. Podemos leer esto en el Libro del Profeta Ezequiel (cf. Ez 34:11-16).

Por lo tanto, Jesús el Buen Pastor defiende, conoce y, sobre todo, ama a sus ovejas. Y es por eso que da su vida por ellos (cf. Jn 10:15). El amor por sus ovejas, es decir, por cada uno de nosotros, lo lleva a morir en la Cruz porque esta es la voluntad del Padre: que nadie se pierda.

El amor de Cristo no es selectivo; abraza a todos. Él mismo nos recuerda esto en el Evangelio de hoy cuando dice: “Y tengo otras ovejas, que no son de este rebaño; debo traerlas también, y escucharán mi voz. Así que habrá un rebaño, un pastor” (Jn 10:16). Estas palabras dan testimonio de su preocupación universal: Él es el pastor de todos. Jesús quiere que todos puedan recibir el amor del Padre y encontrarse con Dios.

Y la Iglesia está llamada a llevar a cabo esta misión de Cristo. Aparte de aquellos que participan en nuestras comunidades, hay muchas personas, la mayoría, que lo hacen solo en momentos particulares o nunca. Pero esto no significa que no sean hijos de Dios: el Padre confía a todos a Jesús el Buen Pastor, que dio su vida por todos.

Hermanos y hermanas, Jesús nos defiende, nos conoce y nos ama a todos. Que María Santísima nos ayude a ser los primeros en dar la bienvenida y seguir al Buen Pastor, a cooperar alegremente en su misión.



Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who care for them.... Charlotte Baker, Charlie Bigelow, Larry Boll, Lourdes Borzoni Susan Conley, Hector Guerra, Alysia Hash, Jasmine Hash, Linda Hoogendoorn, John Johnson, Andre Kelley, Judy Knight, Helen Kruljac, Coleen McCluskey, Ines Mendoza, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, 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.**

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Annual Banquet Fundraiser

Saturday, June 29, 2024

Twin Pine Casino & Hotel

Event Center

22223 State Highway 29, Middletown

5:00 p.m. Doors Open

Silent Auction preview and bidding

6:00 p.m. Dinner

Live Auction immediately following dinner and Feast with the Priest Drawing

Choice of Roast Beef or Vegetarian Pasta plus mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls, & dessert.

(Vegan alternative available if requested in advance)

Proceeds from this event will be used to pay the annual insurance premiums for 2024-2025 for the three churches in our Parish.

\$65 per person (includes 2 glasses of wine)

Tickets available after mass or call the office 707 987-3676.

~~ Advance purchase required ~~

BANQUET DINNER TICKETS & FEAST WITH THE PRIEST RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND.

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, April 20, 4:00 p.m.

Duane Blackwell+ By: Monica Huck

Sunday, April 21, 9:30 a.m.

Repose of the Souls for those who have no one to pray for them By: Robert Krause

Thursday, April 25, 8:30 p.m.

Nick Dellia (sp) By: Monica Huck

Friday, April 26, 8:30 p.m.

Marge Mora+ By: Monica Huck

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 – April 13 & 14

Our Lady of the Lake \$292

St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$1585

St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$451

Totals = First Collection \$1093 Second Collection \$1235

ST JOSEPH ROOFING FUND

The balance in our Roofing Account is now \$19,134

Please make checks to St. Joseph Roofing Fund. Do not put in the collection basket without identifying that it is for the Roof.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bake Sale at St. Joseph on April 28.** See Jane if you have any questions, otherwise, bring your favorite cake, cookies, bread, etc. to the classroom no later than 9 a.m. for us to have time to price the items.
- **We continue to accept auction items for our Banquet Fundraiser.** Bring your donations to the office and be prepared to complete the donation form.
- **AMA 2024 latest report shows pledges equaling \$9,125 towards our goal of \$12,500.** We are looking at an additional \$3375 to meet our goal. If you have not sent in your pledge, please do so as soon as possible. Last year our return from the Diocese was \$1414.
- **Lake County Passion Play May 18 & 19 this year.**
- **In appreciation for the Flower Offerings in memory of Nick & Margaret Schaff, Jesus C, Elissa Speckmann, Fr. James Kelly, Andy Mezulis, Jane Kloppenburg, Shirley Darnell, Ernest & Gloria Frank and mother and father.**



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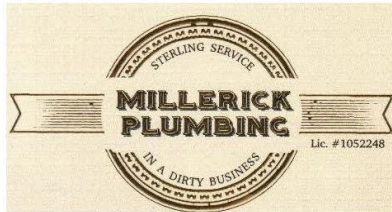
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