

# St. Joseph Parish - Middletown

*Our Lady of the Lake Mission*

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

April 28, 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

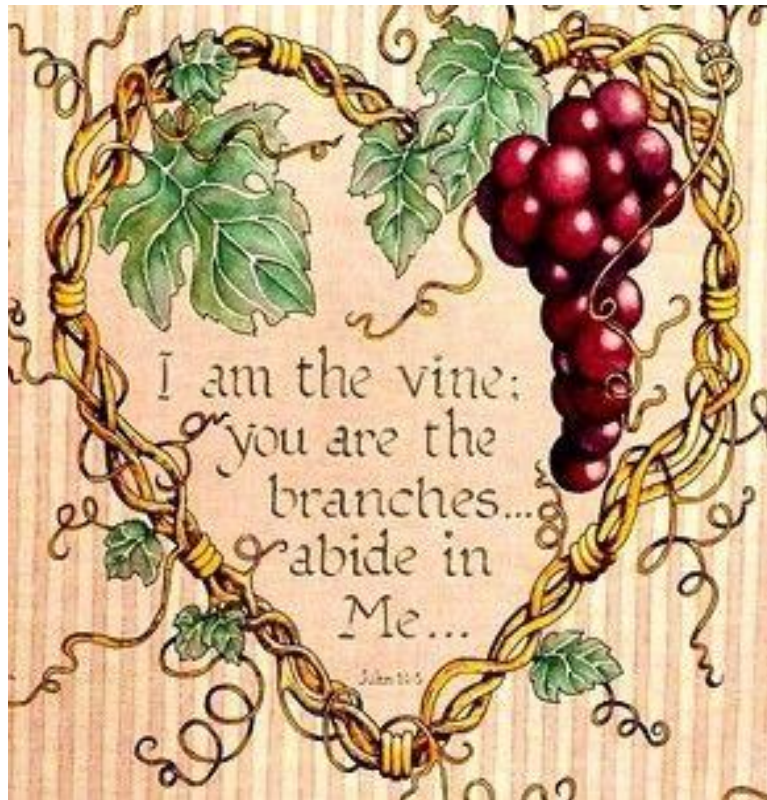
### **Anointing of the Sick**

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 – Fifth Sunday of Easter***  
**APRIL 28, 2024**

**BY ABIDING IN JESUS' LOVE, WE BECOME HIS FRUITFUL BRANCHES**

**A Spiritual Reflection by Pope Francis, Regina Caeli, May 2, 2021**

In the Gospel of this Fifth Sunday of Easter (Jn 15:1-8), the Lord presents himself as the true vine, and speaks of us as branches that cannot live without being united to him. He says: "I am the vine, you are the branches" (v. 5). There is no vine without branches, and vice versa. Branches are not self-sufficient, but depend totally on the vine, which is the source of their existence.

Jesus insists on the verb "to abide" ["to remain"]. He repeats it seven times in today's Gospel reading. Before leaving this world and going to the Father, Jesus wants to reassure his disciples that they can continue to be united with him. He says, "Abide in me, and I in you" (v. 4). This abiding is not a question of abiding passively, of "slumbering" in the Lord, letting oneself be lulled by life: no, it is not this. The abiding in him, the abiding in Jesus that he proposes to us, is to abide actively, and also reciprocally. Why? Because the branches can do nothing without the vine; they need sap to grow and to bear fruit; but the vine, too, needs the branches, because fruit does not grow on the tree trunk. It is a reciprocal need; it is a question of a reciprocal abiding so as to bear fruit. We abide in Jesus and Jesus abides in us.

First of all, we need him. The Lord wants to tell us that, before the observance of his commandments, before the beatitudes, before works of mercy, it is necessary to be united to him, to abide in him. We cannot be good Christians if we do not abide in Jesus. With him, instead, we can do all things (cf. Phil 4:13). With him we can do all things.

But Jesus needs us too, like the vine with the branches. Perhaps to say this may seem bold to us, and so let us ask ourselves: in what sense does Jesus need us? He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians. After Jesus ascended to the Father, it is the task of the disciples — it is our task — to continue to proclaim the Gospel in words and in deeds. And the disciples — we, Jesus' disciples — do so by bearing witness to his love: the fruit to be borne is love. Attached to Christ, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and thus we can do good to our neighbor, we can do good to society, to the Church. The tree is known by its fruit. A truly Christian life bears witness to Christ.

And how can we achieve this? Jesus says to us: "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you" (v.7). This too is bold: the certainty that what we ask for will be given to us. The fruitfulness of our life depends on prayer. We can ask to think like him, to act like him, to see the world and things with the eyes of Jesus. And in this way, love our brothers and sisters, starting from the poorest and those who suffer most, like he did, loving them with his heart and bringing to the world fruits of goodness, fruits of charity, fruits of peace.

Let us entrust ourselves to the intercession of the Virgin Mary. She always remained completely united to Jesus and bore much fruit. May she help us abide in Christ, in his love, in his word, to bear witness to the Risen Lord in the world.

28 de April de 2024

**AL PERMANECER EN EL AMOR DE JESÚS, NOS CONVERTIMOS EN SUS RAMAS FRUCTÍFERAS**

**Una reflexión espiritual del Papa Francisco, Regina Caeli, 2 de mayo de 2021**

En el Evangelio de este Quinto Domingo de Pascua (Jn 15:1-8), el Señor se presenta a sí mismo como la verdadera viña, y habla de nosotros como ramas que no pueden vivir sin estar unidos a él.

Él dice: "Yo soy la viña, ustedes son las ramas" (v. 5). No hay viña sin ramas, o viceversa. Las ramas no son autosuficientes, pero dependen totalmente de la viña, ya que es la fuente de su existencia.

Jesús insiste en el verbo "permanecer". Lo repite siete veces en la lectura del Evangelio de hoy. Antes de dejar este mundo e ir al Padre, Jesús quiere asegurar a sus discípulos, que pueden seguir uniéndose con él. Él dice: "Permanece en mí, y yo en ti" (v. 4). Esta vida no es una cuestión de vivir pasivamente, de "dormir" en el Señor, dejarse adormecer por la vida: no, no es esto. El permanecer en él, lo que Jesús nos propone, es permanecer activamente, y también reciprocamente. ¿Por qué? Porque las ramas no pueden hacer nada sin la viña; necesitan savia para crecer y dar fruto; pero la viña también necesita las ramas, porque la fruta no crece en el tronco del árbol. Es una necesidad recíproca; se trata de permanecer recíprocos para dar fruto. Permanecemos en Jesús y Jesús permanece en nosotros.

En primer lugar, lo necesitamos. El Señor quiere decirnos que, antes de la observancia de sus mandamientos, bienaventuranzas o de las obras de misericordia, es necesario estar unido a él, para permanecer en él. No podemos ser buenos cristianos si no permanecemos en Jesús. Con él, en cambio, podemos hacer todas las cosas (cf. Fil 4:13). Con él podemos hacer todas las cosas.

Pero Jesús también nos necesita, como la viña con las ramas. Tal vez decir esto puede parecernos audaz, así que preguntémosnos: ¿en qué sentido nos necesita Jesús? El nos necesita de testigos. El fruto que, como ramas, debemos llevar, es el testimonio de nuestras vidas como cristianos. Después de que Jesús ascendió al Padre, es tarea de los discípulos y nuestra el continuar proclamando el Evangelio con palabras y hechos. Los discípulos, nosotros, los discípulos de Jesús, lo hacemos dando testimonio de su amor: el fruto que se debe dar es el amor. Apegados a Cristo, recibimos los dones del Espíritu Santo, y así podemos hacer el bien a nuestro prójimo, podemos hacer el bien a la sociedad y a la Iglesia. El árbol es conocido por su fruto. Una vida verdaderamente cristiana da testimonio de Cristo.

¿Y cómo podemos lograr esto? Jesús nos dice: "Si permanecen en mí, y mis palabras permanecen en ustedes, pidan lo que quieran, y se hará por ustedes" (v.7). Esto también es audaz: la certeza de que lo que pedimos se nos dará. La fecundidad de nuestra vida depende de la oración. Podemos pedir y pensar como él, actuar como él, ver el mundo y las cosas con los ojos de Jesús. Y de esta manera, ama a nuestros hermanos y hermanas, empezando por los más pobres y aquellos que más sufren como él, amándolos con su corazón y trayendo al mundo frutos de la bondad, frutos de la caridad, frutos de la paz.

Confiémosnos en la intercesión de la Virgen María. Ella siempre permaneció completamente unida a Jesús y dio mucho fruto. Que ella nos ayude a permanecer en Cristo, en su amor, en su palabra, para dar testimonio del Señor Resucitado en el mundo.



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 Pasta Primavera

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 27, 4:00 p.m.

**Leslie DeGrange(sp)** By: Glynis & Mo

Sunday, April 28, 9:30 a.m.

**Bob Brennan+** By: Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

**Violeta Baronda & Eleno Baronda Jr++**

By: Pinky Ventura

Tuesday, April 30, 8:30 p.m.

**Ernest & Gloria Frank++** By: Pam Quiroz

Wednesday, May 1, 8:30 p.m.

**Jesus C** By: Mary Rincon

Thursday, May 2, 8:30 p.m.

**Nick & Margaret Schaff++** By: Jane Cauley

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 20 & 21

Our Lady of the Lake \$513

St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$1623

St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$398

Totals = First Collection \$1359 Second Collection \$1175

### ST JOSEPH ROOFING FUND

The balance in our Roofing Account is now \$20,159

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 TODAY AFTER THE 9:30 am Mass in the classroom.**
- **FIRST COMMUNION at St. Joseph is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 at 10:30 a.m.**
- **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. AMA figures are updated the first of every month.**
- **Lake County Passion Play, see bulletin insert for additional information.**
- **Rosary Procession at the Carmelite House of Prayer, see bulletin insert.**



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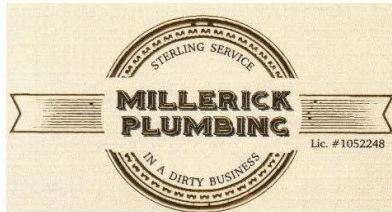
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