

St. Joseph Parish - Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

May 5, 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.
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Anyone who receives my
commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me; John 4:21

MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady of the Lake Mission – 12836 Hwy 175, Loch Lomond
Saturday Mass 4:00 p.m.

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 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Respond to Jesus' Call by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

Today's readings remind us of what it means to be chosen or called by Jesus!

Our Gospel Reading (John 15: 9-17) follows the Gospel we read last week where Jesus taught that He was the vine and His disciples were the branches. We learned then that such a union with Jesus would lead to fruitful service. Today, Jesus teaches His disciples and us, too, the kind of service that we are chosen or called upon to offer to others.

Also evident in today's Gospel is Jesus' teaching that is contrary to a Gnostic belief that being chosen means being set apart from the world. It is not! To be chosen by Jesus means being sent to serve the world as He did! The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love. Notably, so are we all chosen and called to carry on Jesus' mission and ministry!

May we all **Respond to Jesus' Call** accordingly!

Our First Reading (Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48) narrates how the gift of the Holy Spirit also pours out on the Gentiles ... even before becoming "official" Christians through waters of baptism. In response to the apparent shock of the early Jewish Christians, Peter explains that God shows no partiality and that once God shares the divine gift of the Holy Spirit to anyone and is called to be part of the believing community, no one can object. Thus, Peter orders the baptism of those listening to him that day in the name of Jesus Christ!

Our Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4) is very appropriate as we reflect on our respective missionary callings. Today's Psalm reminds us that the saving power of God is to be proclaimed to all peoples in all nations. This we can do by living out the Good News through our kindness and loving service to others.

Our Second Reading (1 John 4: 7-10) tells us of this same message by calling us to love one another. God Himself enables us to do so. John teaches us that God and the act of loving are synonymous. That is, God is love and radiates love to us all empowering us to love as He loves us. Yes, we are able to love one another because God loved us first and through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have received the grace to do so!

Indeed, we are all chosen by God. We are all called to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus. As we **Respond to Jesus' Call**, let us all thank God for this privilege. Moreover, as we have experienced God's love through Jesus' life, death and resurrection, let us all show our gratitude by heeding Jesus' commandment: Love one another as I have loved you!

Responde a Llamado de Jesús Por el P. Lawrence Mendoza

¡Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan lo que significa ser elegido o llamado por Jesús!

Nuestra lectura del Evangelio (Juan 15: 9-17 es la continuación del Evangelio que leímos la semana pasada, donde Jesús enseñó que Él era la vid y que Sus discípulos eran las ramas. Aprendimos entonces que tal unión con Jesús conduciría a un servicio fructífero. Hoy en día,

Jesús enseña a Sus discípulos y a nosotros también, el tipo de servicio del cual somos

elegidos o llamados a ofrecer a los demás. También es evidente en el Evangelio de hoy la enseñanza de Jesús, que es contraria a una creencia mística de que ser elegido significa estar separado del mundo. ¡No lo es! ¡Ser elegido por Jesús significa ser enviado a servir al mundo como el lo hizo! Los discípulos de Jesús fueron elegidos y fueron enviados al mundo para dar frutos sirviendo a otros, sacrificando por otros y en el amor. ¡En particular, todos somos elegidos y llamados a llevar a cabo la misión y el ministerio de Jesús! **¡Respondamos a la llamada de Jesús!**

Nuestra Primera Lectura (Hechos 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48) narra cómo el don del Espíritu Santo también se derrama sobre los gentiles... incluso antes de convertirse en cristianos "oficiales" a través de las aguas del bautismo. En respuesta a la aparente conmoción de los primeros cristianos judíos, Pedro explica que Dios no muestra parcialidad y que una vez que Dios comparte el don divino del Espíritu Santo a cualquiera y está llamado a ser parte de la comunidad creyente, nadie puede objetar. ¡Así, Pedro ordena el bautismo de los que lo escuchan ese día en el nombre de Jesucristo!

Nuestro Salmo Responsorial (Salmo 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4) es muy apropiado a medida que

reflexionamos sobre nuestros respectivos llamamientos misioneros. El Salmo de hoy nos recuerda que el poder salvador de Dios debe ser proclamado a todos los pueblos de todas las naciones. Esto lo podemos hacer viviendo las Buenas Noticias a través de nuestra amabilidad y servicio amoroso a los demás. Nuestra Segunda Lectura (1 Juan 4: 7-10) nos habla de este mismo mensaje al llamarnos a amarnos unos a otros. Dios mismo nos permite hacerlo. Juan nos enseña que Dios y el acto de amar son sinónimos. Es decir, Dios es amor e irradia amor a todos nosotros, empoderando a amar como Él nos ama. Sí, podemos amarnos unos a otros porque Dios nos amó primero y a través de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús, ¡hemos recibido la gracia de hacerlo!

De hecho, todos somos elegidos por Dios. Todos estamos llamados a continuar la misión y el ministerio de Jesús. Al **responder al llamado de Jesús**, deberíamos dar gracias a Dios por este privilegio. Además, a medida que hemos experimentado el amor a través de la vida, la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús, demostremos a toda nuestra gratitud al prestar atención al mandamiento de Jesús: ¡Ámense los unos a los otros como yo los he amado!



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

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

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

~ Advance purchase required ~

- *The Lake County Passion Play is May 18 & 19 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Bring your own chairs.*
- *Rosary Procession at the Carmelite House of Prayer, May 19 beginning at 2:00 p.m.*

Note: *We continue to accept auction items for our Banquet Fundraiser. Bring your donations to the office and be prepared to complete the donation form. Wine & other spirits not allowed at the event center will be auctioned off online. Contact Sandy for details.*

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, May 4, 4:00 p.m.

Harely Auten+ By: Monica Huck

Sunday, May 5, 9:30 a.m.

Capt Mary Kelly USN Ret (sp) By: Mr. & Mrs. Arnold

James Clare Franklin+ By: Stefan Ripich

Nicole Pinole (sp) By: Pamela Quiroz

Paul Baker & Mary Hancock(sp) By: Noel DaRosa

Tuesday, May 7, 8:30 a.m.

Fr. James Kelly+ By: Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

Mario Pagan+ By: Didi

Thursday, May 9 8:30 a.m.

Jane Kloppenburg+ By: Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

Friday, May 10, 8:30 a.m.

Karen Thomas(sp) 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 27 & 28

Our Lady of the Lake \$583

St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$1973

St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$404

Totals = First Collection \$1408 Second Collection \$1552

ST JOSEPH ROOFING FUND

The balance in our Roofing Account is now \$21,234. Please make checks to St. Joseph Roofing Fund. Do not put in the collection basket without identifying that it is for the Roof.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Memorial Day Weekend:** *Beginning on May 25, Mass at Our Lady of the Lake will change to 5:00 p.m. every Saturday. Beginning on May 26, the outdoor church, Our Lady of the Pines, will open with mass scheduled every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. This mass schedule will continue during the summer, and as usual, end on Labor Day Weekend.*
- *Thank you to everyone who participated in the bake sale last Sunday. \$1082 will be transferred into the Roofing Account. Good job everyone.*
- **FIRST COMMUNION** at St. Joseph is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 at 10:30 a.m.
- **Our AMA report continues to show we are \$3375 from our goal. Please remember, if we do not meet our goal, we will be billed for the amount not collected. A poster is in the back of the church showing the organizations that are supported by AMA.**
- **Happy birthday John Johnson, he just turned 90!**

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



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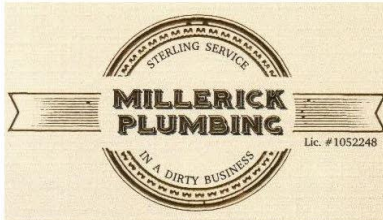
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