

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

May 26, 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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MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady of the Lake Mission – 12836 Hwy 175, Loch Lomond
Saturday Mass 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

St. Joseph Church – Middletown, 9:30 a.m. (English)
Our Lady of the Pines – Whispering Pines, 11:30 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 – The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity -May 26 ,2024

A Mystery to be Lived by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

Today, we celebrate the great mystery of our Faith, One God in Three Persons in undivided unity! Mathematically unsolvable? Yes, but it is not meant to be mathematically solved nor is it an understanding to be humanly figured out. The Most Holy Trinity is **A Mystery to be Lived!**

More than trying to figure out how God is One yet Three, let us instead reflect on the very being or essence of God. And the essence of God is a loving relationship, first and foremost within the divinity. But this divine loving relationship is so powerful that God chose to let it spill out into all creation, especially humanity which was created in the image and likeness of God. Thus, we are invited to participate in this loving relationship with God ... and have our lives enriched and lifted up to the divine level.

Our First Reading (Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40) narrates God's role from the beginning to the present. He is proclaimed as the creator, the savior and the giver of life ... three facets of God that are individually attributed to one of the Three Divine Persons of the Holy Trinity. God, the Father, is known as the Creator; Jesus, the Son, is specifically the Savior; and the Holy Spirit is the Giver of Life. These three actions of creating, saving and lifegiving are all acts of the One God ... desiring to have a continuing loving relationship with all of humanity!

What a great blessing to be chosen to be God's own and as the Psalmist in today's Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 33: 4-5, 6, 8, 18-19, 20, 22) sings, "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be His own."

Our Second Reading (Romans 8: 14-17) addresses the role of the Holy Spirit. It is through the Holy Spirit that we are welcomed into the family of God as His children. By the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we can call God, "Abba, our Father!" We become His heirs and co-heirs with the Son of God, Jesus. Notably, God not only created us; not only saved us through the Son's Paschal Mystery; but He also adopted us into the very essence of God's divine loving relationship through the workings of the Holy Spirit.

Today's Gospel Reading (Matthew 28: 16-20) is the conclusion of St. Matthew's writing. Jesus is with His disciples for the last time and He commissions them to continue His ministry and mission by making disciples of all nations. He specifically instructs them to do so by "baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

This teaches us that from our baptism, we receive the indwelling of the Three Divine Persons in our hearts, establishing a relationship with God, not just as Creator, but as the Savior and the Giver of Life. Unfathomable by the human mind, yet our hearts lead us all to live lives that reflect the gift of the Triune God. In faith and with joyful gratitude, let us all continue to **Live the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity ...** in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

A happy and a blessed Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity to all!

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Un misterio para ser vivido por el P. Lawrence Mendoza

¡Hoy celebramos el gran misterio de nuestra Fe, un Dios en tres personas en unidad no dividida! ¿Matemáticamente irresoluble? Sí, pero no está destinado a ser resuelto matemáticamente ni es un entendimiento para ser descubierto humanamente. **¡La Santísima Trinidad es un misterio que hay que vivir!**

En lugar de tratar de averiguar cómo Dios es Uno en Tres, en su lugar reflexionemos sobre el propio ser o la esencia de Dios. La esencia de Dios es una relación amorosa, ante todo dentro de la divinidad. Pero esta relación amorosa divina es tan poderosa que Dios eligió dejar que se derramara en toda la creación, especialmente en la humanidad que fue creada a imagen y semejanza de Dios. Por lo tanto, se nos invita a participar en esta relación amorosa con El... y a enriquecer nuestras vidas y elevarlas al divino.

Nuestra Primera Lectura (Deuteronomio 4: 32-34, 39-40) narra el papel de Dios desde el principio hasta el presente. Se le proclama como el creador, el salvador y el dador de vida... tres facetas de Dios que se atribuyen individualmente a una de las Tres Personas Divinas de la Santísima Trinidad. Dios, el Padre, es conocido como el Creador; Jesús, el Hijo, es específicamente el Salvador; y el Espíritu Santo es el Dador de Vida. Estas tres acciones de crear, salvar y dar vida son todos actos del Dios Único... ¡deseando tener una relación amorosa continua con toda la humanidad!

Qué gran bendición ser elegido para ser propio de Dios y como el Salmista en el Salmo Responsorial de hoy (Salmo 33: 4-5, 6, 8, 18-19, 20, 22) canta: "Bendito sea el pueblo que el Señor ha elegido para ser suyo".

Nuestra Segunda Lectura (Romanos 8: 14-17) aborda el papel del Espíritu Santo. Es a través del Espíritu Santo que somos recibidos en la familia de Dios como Sus hijos. Por el poder del Espíritu Santo en nuestras vidas, podemos llamar a Dios: "¡Abba, nuestro Padre!" Nos convertimos en Sus herederos y coherederos con el Hijo de Dios, Jesús. En particular, Dios no solo nos creó; no solo nos salvó a través del Misterio Pascual del Hijo; sino que también nos adoptó en la esencia misma de la relación amorosa divina de Dios a través de los trabajos del Espíritu Santo.

La lectura del Evangelio de hoy (Mateo 28: 16-20) es la conclusión de la escritura de San Mateo. Jesús está con Sus discípulos por última vez y les encarga que continúen su ministerio y misión haciendo discípulos de todas las naciones. Él les instruye específicamente para que lo hagan "bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo".

Esto nos enseña que desde nuestro bautismo, recibimos la vivienda de las Tres Personas Divinas en nuestros corazones, estableciendo una relación con Dios, no solo como Creador, sino como Salvador y Dador de Vida. Insondable por la mente humana, sin embargo, nuestros corazones nos llevan a todos a vivir vidas que reflejan el don del Dios Triune. Con fe y con alegría gratitud, continuemos todos **Viviendo el Misterio de la Santísima Trinidad...** en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. ¡Amén!

¡Una solemnidad feliz y bendecida de la Santísima Trinidad para todos!



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 ~

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 or bring to the office.

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, May 25, 5:00 p.m.

For our parishioners

Sunday, May 26, 9:30 a.m.

Brig Gen Jim Sniffen USMC Ret+

By: Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

Garrett Joseph Nelligan+ By: Garrett Nelligan

Sunday, May 26, 11:30 a.m.

Louise Mareno+ By: Sandy Hood

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 – May 18 & 19

Our Lady of the Lake \$296

St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$1398

St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$258

Totals = First Collection \$962 Second Collection \$990

ST JOSEPH ROOFING FUND

The balance in our Roofing Account is now \$26,712 Please make checks out to St. Joseph Roofing Fund. The roofing is almost complete....Alleluia!



- **Happy Memorial Day to everyone! Today we honor and remember those who died serving our country.**
- **We welcome those joining us at our beloved outdoor chapel, Our Lady of the Pines, in Whispering Pines, on Cobb Mtn.**
- **Remember the Mass time at Our Lady of the Lake during the summer is now at 5:00 p.m.**
- **Coffee Social today after the 9:30 a.m. mass. Please join us...**



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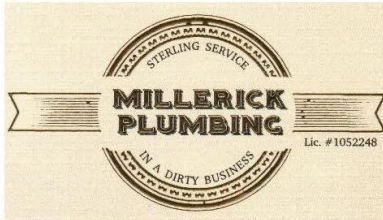
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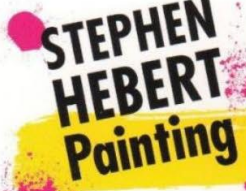
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