

St. Joseph Parish – Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

May 19, 2024

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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

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By appointment at least six months
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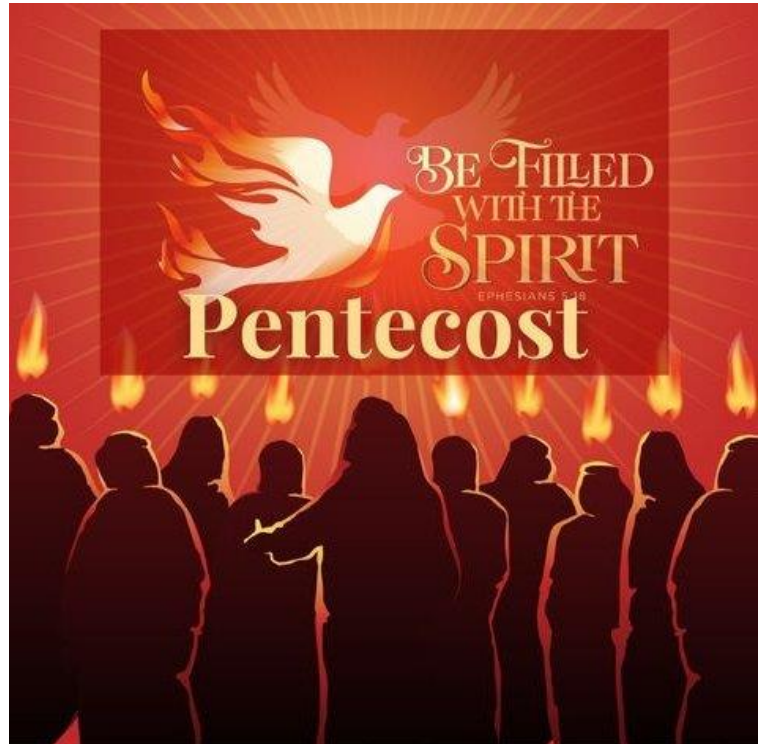
Anointing of the Sick

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 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)

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US STRENGTH, FREEDOM, AND UNITY

A Spiritual Reflection by Pope Francis Pope Francis, Regina Caeli, Solemnity of Pentecost, May 23, 2021

The Book of the Acts of the Apostles (cf. 2:1-11) recounts what happened in Jerusalem 50 days after the Pasch of Jesus. The disciples were gathered in the Upper Room, and the Virgin Mary was with them. The Risen Lord had told them to remain in the city until they had received the gift of the Spirit from on High. And this was revealed with a “sound” they suddenly heard coming from Heaven, like the “rush of a mighty wind” that filled the house they were in (cf. v. 2). Thus, it concerns a real but also symbolic experience. Something that happened but also gives us a symbolic message for our whole life.

This experience reveals that the Holy Spirit is like a strong and freely flowing wind; that is, he brings us strength and brings us freedom: a strong and freely flowing wind. He cannot be controlled, stopped, nor measured; nor can his direction be foreseen. He cannot be understood within our human exigencies — we always try to frame things — he does not let himself be framed in our methods and our preconceptions. The Spirit proceeds from God the Father and from his Son Jesus Christ and bursts upon the Church; he bursts upon each one of us, giving life to our minds and our hearts. As the Creed states: he is “the Lord, the giver of life.” He has authority because he is God, and he gives life.

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus’ disciples were still disoriented and fearful. They did not yet have the courage to go out in the open. We too, at times, prefer to remain within the protective walls of our surroundings. But the Lord knows how to reach us and open the doors to our hearts. He sends upon us the Holy Spirit who envelops us and overpowers all our hesitations, tears down our defenses, dismantles our false certainties. The Spirit makes us new beings, just as he did on that day with the Apostles: he renews us, new beings.

After receiving the Holy Spirit, they were no longer as they had been before — he changed them, but they went out and began to preach Jesus, to preach that Jesus is risen, that the Lord is with us, in such a way that each one understood them in his or her own language. Because the Spirit is universal; he does not remove cultural differences, differences of thought, no. He is for everyone, but each one understands him in his or her own culture, in his or her own language. The Spirit changes the heart, broadens the view of the disciples. He enables them to communicate to everyone the great, limitless works of God, surpassing the cultural confines and religious confines within which they were accustomed to thinking and living. He enables the Apostles to reach others, respecting their possibilities of listening and understanding, in the culture and language of each one (vv. 5-11). In other words, the Holy Spirit puts different people in communication, achieving the unity and universality of the Church.

And today this truth tells us so much, this reality of the Holy Spirit, where in the Church there are small groups who always seek division, to separate themselves from others. This is not the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God is harmony, it is unity, it unites differences. A good Cardinal, who was the Archbishop of Genoa, said that the Church is like a river: the important thing is to be inside; whether you are a little on that side and a little on the other side is not important; the Holy Spirit creates unity. He used the image of a river. The important thing is to be inside, in the unity of the Spirit, and not look at the pettiness that you are a little on this side and a little on that side, that you pray in this way or the other.... This is not of God. The Church is for everyone, for everyone, as the Holy Spirit showed on the day of Pentecost.

Today let us ask the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, to intercede so that the Holy Spirit descends in abundance, fills the hearts of the faithful and kindles the fire of his love in everyone.

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EL ESPÍRITU SANTO NOS DA FUERZA, LIBERTAD Y UNIDAD

Una reflexión espiritual del Papa Francisco, Regina Caeli, Solemnidad de Pentecostés, 23 de Mayo de 2021

Del Libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles (cf. 2:1-11) nos relata lo que sucedió en Jerusalén 50 días después de la Pascua de Jesús. Los discípulos estaban reunidos en la Sala Alta, y la Virgen María estaba con ellos. El Señor Resucitado les había dicho que permanecieran en la ciudad hasta que hubieran recibido el don del Espíritu desde lo alto. Y esto se reveló con un "sonido" que de repente escucharon viniendo del cielo, como la "ráfaga de un poderoso viento" que llenó la casa en la que estaban (cf. v. 2). Por lo tanto, se trata de una experiencia real pero también simbólica. Algo que sucedió, pero que también nos da un mensaje simbólico para toda nuestra vida.

Esta experiencia revela que el Espíritu Santo es como un viento fuerte y que fluye libremente; es decir, nos trae fuerza y nos trae libertad: un viento fuerte y que fluye libremente. No se le puede controlar, detener ni medir; ni se puede prever su dirección. No se le puede entender dentro de nuestras exigencias humanas - siempre tratamos de enmarcar las cosas - no se deja enmarcar en nuestros métodos y nuestras ideas preconcebidas. El Espíritu procede de Dios Padre y de su Hijo Jesucristo y estalla sobre la Iglesia; estalla sobre cada uno de nosotros, dando vida a nuestras mentes y a nuestros corazones. Como dice el Credo: él es "el Señor, el dador de vida". Él tiene autoridad porque es Dios, y da vida.

En el día de Pentecostés, los discípulos de Jesús todavía estaban desorientados y temerosos. Todavía no tuvieron el valor de salir libremente. Nosotros también, a veces, preferimos permanecer dentro de las paredes protectoras de nuestro entorno. Pero el Señor sabe cómo llegar a nosotros y abrir las puertas a nuestros corazones. Él envía sobre nosotros el Espíritu Santo que nos envuelve y domina todas nuestras vacilaciones, destruye nuestras defensas, desmantela nuestras falsas certezas. El Espíritu nos hace nuevos seres, como lo hizo ese día con los Apóstoles: nos renueva, nos vuelve seres nuevos.

Después de recibir el Espíritu Santo, ya no eran como lo habían sido antes: él los cambió, pero salieron y comenzaron a predicar a Jesús, a predicar que Jesús ha resucitado, que el Señor está con nosotros, de tal manera que cada uno los entendió en su propio idioma. Porque el Espíritu es universal; no elimina las diferencias culturales, las diferencias de pensamiento. Él es para todos, pero cada uno lo entiende en su propia cultura, en su propio idioma. El Espíritu cambia el corazón, amplía la visión de los discípulos. Les permite comunicar a todos las grandes e ilimitadas obras de Dios, superando los límites culturales y religiosos dentro de los cuales estaban acostumbrados a pensar y vivir. Permite a los Apóstoles llegar a los demás, respetando sus posibilidades de escuchar y comprender, en la cultura y el idioma de cada uno (vv. 5-11). En otras palabras, el Espíritu Santo pone a diferentes personas en comunicación, logrando la unidad y la universalidad de la Iglesia.

Y hoy esta verdad nos dice mucho, esta realidad del Espíritu Santo, donde en la Iglesia hay pequeños grupos que siempre buscan la división, para separarse de los demás. Este no es el Espíritu de Dios. El Espíritu de Dios es la armonía, es la unidad, une las diferencias. Un buen cardenal, que era el arzobispo de Génova, dijo que la Iglesia es como un río: lo importante es estar dentro; si estás un poco de ese lado y un poco del otro lado no es importante; el Espíritu Santo crea unidad. Usó la imagen de un río. Lo importante es estar dentro, en la unidad del Espíritu, y no mirar la mezquindad de que estás un poco de cada lado, de que rezas de esta manera u otra... Esto no es de Dios. La Iglesia es para todos, como mostró el Espíritu Santo el día de Pentecostés.

Hoy pidamos a la Virgen María, Madre de la Iglesia, que interceda para que el Espíritu Santo descienda en abundancia, llene los corazones de los fieles y encienda el fuego de su amor en 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 ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Next weekend is Memorial Day Weekend when Mass at Our Lady of the Lake will change to 5:00 p.m. every Saturday. Beginning on Sunday, our 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.*
- *The next Coffee Social will be on May 26 after the 9:30 a.m. mass.*

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 18, 4:00 p.m.

Larry Todd+ By: Gloria Huck

Bobby Estrada+ By: Didi

Sunday, May 19, 9:30 a.m.

Buddy Kinley+ By: Sandy

Anita Nelligan+ By: Garrett Nelligan

Tuesday, May 21, 8:30 a.m.

Nieves & Doning++ By: Didi

Friday, May 24, 8:30 a.m.

Shirley Darnell+ By: Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

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 11 & 12

Our Lady of the Lake \$338

St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$2274.30

St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$296

Totals = First Collection \$1323.30 Second Collection \$1585

ST JOSEPH ROOFING FUND

The balance in our Roofing Account is now \$26,087. Please make checks out to St. Joseph Roofing Fund. As you can undoubtedly notice today, the re-roofing has begun...

Alleluia!



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Alyson Hernandez Calderon, Josselynn Juarez Calderon, Dominic Hernandez Calderon, Aaron Alejandro Chaires, Viridiana Aurora Nunez Garcia, Jackeline Molinero Hernandez, Jennifer Guadalupe Tapia Herrera, Jack Millerick, Claire Elizabeth Nerius, Ruben Mauricio Velazquez Nunez, Dylan Johadry Gaytan Salas, Eduardo Yandel Gaytan Salas, and Elian Valentino Gaytan Salas

WHO RECEIVED THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON SATURDAY, MAY 18, and to Colton Dominic Rodella who received his First Communion earlier this year.



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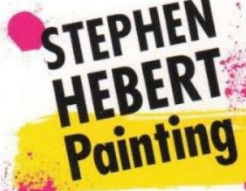
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