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# St. Joseph Catholic Church

**Newsletter – June 2024**

Dear Parishioners,

We opened this month of June with the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). On Corpus Christi Sunday in 2022, a 3-year National Eucharistic Revival was launched to inspire a “renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist!” We may not be able to join the on-going National Eucharistic Procession nor have our own, but we did our share of reflecting, venerating and honoring the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist during our day-long adoration last June 2. My heartfelt thanks to those who kept vigil in prayer during the adoration!

This month, we also celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

As I reported last month, the roof repairs for the Church, the classroom building and the rectory are complete and I am truly grateful to all who donated and contributed to the project completion. However, we cannot declare the project closed as full funding has yet to be settled. The current roofing project balance is \$28,337. Any additional donation will be greatly appreciated and please make checks out to St. Joseph Roofing Fund.

I am equally grateful to those who have donated to our Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA). The total donation so far is \$11,677 which is \$823 short of our goal of \$12,500. Am appealing for your generosity to help meet our goal.

Thank you very much to all who bought tickets and supported our “Saint Joseph Banquet” at Twin Pines. Thanks, too, to all who donated auction items, about a hundred for silent auction and 12 for live auction. My gratitude also goes to Peter Ventura, our live auctioneer.

As of this writing, the event is yet to happen but based on what I have observed of your overwhelming support and generosity, I am confident that our “**Saint Joseph Banquet**” **will be a great success!** With God’s grace, may this great success translate to the raising of enough funds to cover this year’s insurance premiums for the three Churches and the rectory!

My heartfelt thanks to our fundraising committee chairperson Jane Cauley and all members of the committee for organizing the event! And my special thanks, too, to Pat and Lisa Lambert who will be hosting the “Feast with the Priest” raffle winners at their lovely home. Thanks to all who bought raffle tickets ... the two winners to be announced when it happens!

As our Parish continues to grow, I would like to thank our new Committee of Hospitality members: Margaret Carlisle, Thomas Scalfaro, Mike Tomko and Zoi Bracisco.

This is to remind you all that the enrollment for first communion and confirmation classes will be from July 3 to August 31. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to enroll for the classes. Also, if you know anyone among your friends and relatives who is interested in becoming a Catholic or in need of adult confirmation, please contact Roger Mattu or call the office for registration. Let us all play our respective roles in bringing people closer to Jesus and to our Church!

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# Mass Times

## St. Joseph

Tuesday – Friday  
8:30 a.m.

Sunday's at 9:30 a.m.  
and  
4:00 p.m. (Spanish)

## Our Lady of the Lake Loch Lomond

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

## Our Lady of the Pines

Sunday's at 11:30 am.



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*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.*

My special blessings to Joan Moss, our musician at Our Lady of the Lake and Our Lady of the Pines mission churches, who celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this month. Joan, thank you for your significant contribution to our liturgical music and for your dedication to our Parish for the past 22 years.

As summer has officially begun and we end this month of June, let us continue to entrust our families and our Parish community to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us pray for and take care of each other! Thanks again to all and may God bless you all a hundredfold for all that you have shared and done for our Parish!

To God be the Glory!!!

In His Service,

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza  
Pastor

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Enrollment for First Communion and Confirmation begins July 3 and will end on August 31. Registration forms are in the back of the church. Complete the form and return to the office along with the tuition.

RCIA – If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or Adult Confirmation (Formation). Please contact Roger Mattu or call the office for registration.

### Eucharistic Adoration

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.

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*"I am the vine; you are the branches"*

### Parish Announcements

- Our AMA latest figures from the diocese shows we are still \$823 short. Goal this year is \$12,500, total donations to date are \$11,677. Please send in your envelopes as soon as possible. We are so close!
- We are looking for Eucharist Ministers, please contact Father or call the office. Eucharistic Minister Formation is scheduled for July 20 at 10 a.m.
- A Lector Formation is scheduled for July 27 at 10 a.m.
- Cobb Mtn. churches are looking for Readers!
- Our Lady of the Lake and Our Lady of the Pines have two masses every weekend during the summer. We welcome and would appreciate anyone who would be interested in Reading at either mass. Please contact Suzanna Macedo 707 272-2518 if you can assist this summer.

### Clarine "Betty" Lewkowitz

A Celebration of Life Mass will be held on July 13th at 12 noon, here at St. Joseph. The family would like to invite you to continue the celebration of Betty's life at the Lion's Club in Middletown, beginning right after mass. Casual dress attire is suggested. If you are unable to attend, there will also be a Zoom where you can attend virtually. The Zoom Link will be announced on a date closer to the event.

May she rest in peace!

### May 2024 Collection Totals

	1st	2nd	Total
05/04-05/2024	\$ 1,580.00	\$3,486.00	\$ 5,066.00
05/11-12/2024	\$ 1,323.30	\$1,585.00	\$ 2,908.30
05/18-19/2024	\$ 962.00	\$ 990.00	\$ 1,952.00
05/25-26/2024	\$ 1,193.00	\$1,777.00	\$ 2,970.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$ 5,058.30</b>	<b>\$7,838.00</b>	<b>\$12,896.30</b>
	<b>Monthly Target</b>	<b>\$17,202.00</b>	
	<b>Overage/Loss</b>	<b>\$ (4,305.70)</b>	