

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Newsletter – May 2024



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Dear Parishioners,

Flowers around our Church are in bloom! Indeed, this is the month of May, the month of beautiful flowers ... the month dedicated to our Blessed Virgin Mary. Traditionally in many parishes, flowers are offered to our Mother and Queen amidst singing of hymns or praying of the rosary. In our Parish, you must have noticed the image of Mary at the side of the altar crowned with flowers. It is our way of honoring Mary's Motherhood as we celebrated Mother's Day.

What a glorious month of May for us indeed, with three Solemnities: Ascension, Pentecost and Most Holy Trinity. Moreover, this year, the Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church, which is celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday also fell on this month!

During a general audience with the Pope in 1997, then Pope John Paul II said, "The title 'Mother of the Church' thus reflects the deep conviction of the Christian faithful, who see in Mary not only the mother of the person of Christ, but also of the faithful. She who is recognized as mother of salvation, life and grace, mother of the saved and mother of the living, is rightly proclaimed Mother of the Church."

We aptly celebrated the Pentecost with the First Communion of fourteen children, the Reception into the Catholic Church of David Fromer and the Confirmation of Zoi Brasico at the St. Eugene Cathedral. May the pouring of the Holy Spirit on them inspire them to join our Eucharistic Celebrations especially on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, and continue to receive the Body and Blood of Christ!

As God gifts us all with the Holy Spirit, I also thank God for the gift of each of you. Your generosity and kindness are awesome and commendable, truly inspired by the Holy Spirit, if I may say so. For yes, the repair of the roofs of our Church, the classroom building and the rectory are done! I can only sigh with gratitude to God and to all of you! What a blessing it is to be surrounded by generous and kind-hearted people like you! My special thanks, too, to Humberto and his crew for their wonderful work and for giving us a very good deal. While the work is done and completed, we have yet to settle the funding. Thus, I request that you continue to donate to our roofing project.

Reminding you all again of our Annual St. Joseph Banquet Fundraising on June 29, 2024 at the Twin Pine Casino and Hotel for the insurance premiums of our three churches. And of course, please do not forget to buy your tickets for the Feast with the Priest sponsored by Patrick and Lisa Lambert. Thank you to all who have bought the tickets for the Banquet and the Feast, an advance thank you to those who have yet to get their tickets. Hoping and praying to see you ALL at the Banquet!

As we always do during the Memorial Day weekend, we resumed our Sunday outdoor masses at Our Lady of the Pines. Thanks to our Lady of the Lake guild for providing and sponsoring the repainting and fixing our pews. Thanks to John Enright, Douglas Ebert, Joe Guardado, Rick and Susanna Macedo, Liz Weiss, Martha O'Brien, Gayle Albo and all who got the place ready for the Mass. I am especially grateful to David, the owner of the property, for the planned improvements of the site!

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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 dear parishioners, I urge you and your families to continue praying the rosary and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament especially for peace in our homes and peace in the world. Let us crown our Blessed Virgin Mary, our Queen and Mother, not only with flowers but more importantly, with our prayers and exemplary lives.

Entrusting our Parish families and communities to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to our Parish Patron Saint Joseph!

To God be the Glory!!!

In His Service,

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza  
Pastor  
St. Joseph Catholic Church

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We continue to accept auction items for our Banquet Fundraiser. Bring your donations to the office and be prepared to complete the donation form.

- 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.

- 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!

- 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 weekly newsletter.

stjoseph-middletown.com

## 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 by calling the office  
707 987-3676.

~~ Advance purchase required ~~

### April 2024 Collection Totals

	1st	2nd	Total
04/06-07/2024	\$ 2,606.30	\$3,397.00	\$ 6,003.30
04/13-14/2024	\$ 1,093.00	\$1,235.00	\$ 2,328.00
04/20-21/2024	\$ 1,359.00	\$1,175.00	\$ 2,534.00
04-27-28/2024	\$ 1,408.00	\$1,552.00	\$ 2,960.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$ 6,466.30</b>	<b>\$7,359.00</b>	<b>\$13,825.30</b>
	<b>Monthly Target</b>		<b>\$ 17,202.00</b>
	<b>Overage/Loss</b>		<b>\$ (3,376.70)</b>