

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

July 7, 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

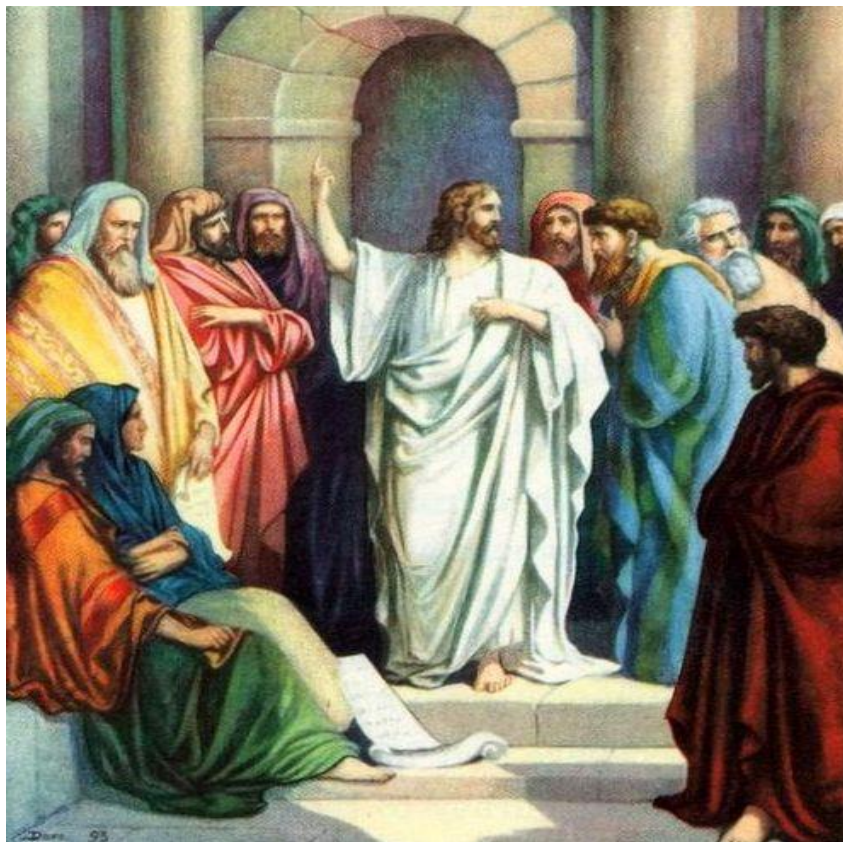
Anointing of the Sick

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 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**WE CAN RECOGNIZE THE LORD
ONLY WHEN WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO AMAZEMENT**

A Spiritual Reflection by Pope Francis, Angelus Message, July 4, 2021

This Sunday's Gospel (Mk 6:1-6) tells us about the disbelief of Jesus' fellow villagers. After preaching in other villages in Galilee, Jesus returned to Nazareth where he had grown up with Mary and Joseph; and, one Sabbath, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who were listening asked themselves: "Where does he get all this wisdom? But, isn't he the son of the carpenter and Mary, that is, of our neighbors that we know so well?" (cf. vv. 1-3). Confronted with this reaction, Jesus confirms the truth that had even become a part of popular wisdom: "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house" (v. 4). We say this many times...

Let us reflect on the attitude of Jesus' fellow villagers. We could say they knew Jesus, but they did not recognize him. There is a difference between knowing and recognizing. In essence, this difference makes us understand that we can know various things about a person, form an idea, rely on what others say about that person, we might perhaps meet that person every now and then in the neighborhood; but all that is not enough. This is a knowledge, I would say ordinary, superficial, that does not recognize the uniqueness of the person. We all run this risk: we think we know so much about a person; even worse, we use labels and close the person within our own prejudices. Jesus' fellow villagers knew him for thirty years in the same way and they thought they knew everything! "But isn't this the boy we saw growing up, the son of the carpenter and Mary? Where do these things come from?" The distrust...in reality, they never realized who Jesus truly was. They remained at the exterior level and refused what was new about Jesus.

And here, we enter into the true crux of the problem: when we allow the convenience of habit and the dictatorship of prejudice to have the upper hand, it is difficult to open ourselves to what is new and allow ourselves to be amazed. We control: through attitudes, through prejudices ... It often happens in life that we seek from our experiences and even from people only what conforms to our own ideas and ways of thinking so as never to have to make an effort to change. And this can even happen with God, and even to us believers, to us who think we know Jesus, that we already know so much about Him and that it is enough to repeat the same things as always. And this is not enough with God. But without openness to what is new and, above all – listen well – openness to God's surprises, without amazement, faith becomes a tiring litany that slowly dies out and becomes a habit, a social habit.

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**PODEMOS RECONOCER AL SEÑOR
SOLO CUANDO ABRIMOS NUESTROS CORAZONES AL ASOMBRO**

Una reflexión espiritual del Papa Francisco, Mensaje de Ángelus, 4 de Julio de 2021

El Evangelio de este domingo (Mc 6:1-6) nos habla de la incredulidad de los compañeros aldeanos de Jesús. Después de predicar en otras aldeas de Galilea, Jesús regresó a Nazaret, donde había crecido con María y José; y, un sábado, comenzó a enseñar en la sinagoga. Muchos de los que escuchaban se preguntaron: "¿De dónde saca toda esta sabiduría? Pero, ¿no es el hijo del carpintero y de Maria, es decir, de nuestros vecinos que conocemos tan bien?" (Cf. vv. 1-3). Frente a esta reacción, Jesús confirma la verdad que incluso se había convertido en parte de la sabiduría popular: "Un profeta no está sin honor, excepto en su propio país, y entre sus propios parientes, y en su propia casa" (v. 4). Lo decimos muchas veces...

Reflexionemos sobre la actitud de los compañeros aldeanos de Jesús. Podríamos decir que conocían a Jesús, pero no lo reconocieron. Hay una diferencia entre saber y reconocer. En esencia, esta diferencia nos hace entender que podemos saber varias cosas sobre una persona, formar una idea, confiar en lo que otros dicen sobre esa persona, tal vez podríamos conocer a esa persona de vez en cuando en el vecindario; pero todo eso no es suficiente. Este es un conocimiento, diría que ordinario, superficial, que no reconoce la singularidad de la persona. Todos corremos este riesgo: creemos que sabemos mucho sobre una persona; peor aún, usamos etiquetas y cerramos a la persona dentro de nuestros propios prejuicios. ¡Los aldeanos de Jesús lo conocieron durante treinta años de la misma manera y pensaron que lo sabían todo! "¿Pero no es este el niño que vimos crecer, el hijo del carpintero y Maria? ¿De dónde vienen estas cosas?" La desconfianza... en realidad, nunca se dieron cuenta de quién era realmente Jesús. Permanecieron en el nivel exterior y rechazaron lo que era nuevo en Jesús.

Y aquí, entramos en el verdadero punto del problema: cuando permitimos que la conveniencia del hábito y la dictadura de los prejuicios tengan la ventaja, es difícil abrirnos a lo que es nuevo y permitirnos sorprendernos. Controlamos: a través de actitudes, a través de prejuicios... A menudo sucede en la vida que buscamos de nuestras experiencias e incluso de las personas solo lo que se ajusta a nuestras propias ideas y formas de pensar para nunca tener que hacer un esfuerzo para cambiar. Y esto incluso puede suceder con Dios, e incluso con nosotros, los creyentes, con nosotros que creemos que conocemos a Jesús, que ya sabemos mucho sobre Él y que es suficiente para repetir las mismas cosas de siempre. Y esto no es suficiente con Dios. Pero sin apertura a lo que es nuevo y, sobre todo, escucha bien, apertura a las sorpresas de Dios, sin asombro, la fe se convierte en una letanía agotadora que se muere lentamente y se convierte en un hábito, un hábito social.



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *The St. Joseph Annual Banquet Fundraiser was a total success. Final figures are not available as of the writing of this bulletin due to the holiday. More information next week.*
- *AMA, you did it! Thank you so very much for your support and generosity. We have not only hit our goal, but we exceeded our goal by \$237. Your support in this parish continues to be amazing.*
- *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.*
- *Please join in for Sally Munger's 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION BLOCK PARTY. Saturday July 13 at 5:00 pm. End of North Shore Court, bring your camp-chair, your preferred drink and a dish to share. PARKING IS LIMITED*
- *We recently announced the passing of 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!*

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 6, 5:00 p.m.

For our parishioners

Sunday, July 7, 9:30 a.m.

Jan DaRosa+ By: Noel DaRosa

James Clare Franklin+ By: Stefan Ripich

Garrett Thomas+ By: Garrett & Margaret

Dr. Tran (sp) By: Pamela Quiroz

Sunday, July 7, 11:30 a.m.

Rose & Virginia Kapranos++

By: Dino & Gail DeRanieri

Wednesday, July 10, 8:30 p.m.

Evelyna Saavedra+

By: Jon & Joy Blackwell & Family

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.

ST JOSEPH ROOFING FUND We have raised \$28,462 to date. The roof cost \$43,500. We are still \$15,038 short. Checks payable to St. Joseph Roofing Fund. Thank you everyone for your constant support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Enrollment for First Communion and Confirmation begins today 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. First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation is a combined two-year program for students beginning at age 7 and enrolled in at least the Second Grade in school. Confirmation preparation is a two-year program for students aged 11-17 and enrolled in the Sixth through 12th grade in school. Students turning 18 before the end of the two-year Confirmation preparation should wait until reaching age 18 and then enroll in the RCIA program for preparation for Confirmation as an adult.

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
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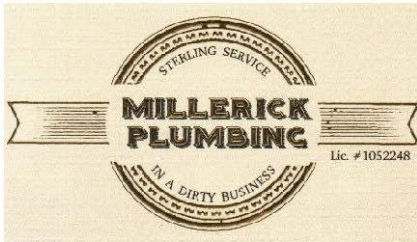
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