

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

July 21, 2024

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Pastoral Staff

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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.
Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Friday 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 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE IMPORTANCE OF REST, CONTEMPLATION, AND COMPASSION IN OUR MINISTRY

Excerpt from the Spiritual Reflection by Pope Francis, Angelus Message, July 18, 2021

Jesus's attitude that we observe in the Gospel of today's Liturgy (Mk 6:30-34) helps us to grasp two important aspects of life. The first is rest. To the Apostles returning from the labors of the mission who enthusiastically begin to relate everything they had done, Jesus tenderly directs this invitation...: "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest a while" (v. 31). An invitation to rest.

And how do we do this? To do so, we must return to the heart of things: to stop, to remain in silence, to pray so as not to go from the frenzy of work to the frenzy of times of relaxation. Jesus did not neglect the needs of the crowd, but each day, before anything else, he would withdraw in prayer, in silence, in intimacy with the Father. His tender invitation – rest a while – should accompany us. Let us beware, brothers and sisters, of efficiency; let us put a halt to the frantic running around dictated by our agendas. Let us learn how to take a break, to turn off the mobile phone, to contemplate nature, to regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.

Nonetheless, the Gospel tells us that Jesus and his disciples could not rest as they had wished. The people find them and flock to them from all sides. At which point, he is moved with compassion. This is the second aspect: compassion, which is God's style. God's style is to draw near, compassion and tenderness. How many times we find this phrase in the Gospel, in the Bible: "He had compassion on them." Touched, Jesus dedicates himself to the people and begins to teach again (cf. vv. 33-34). This seems to be a contradiction, but in reality, it is not. In fact, only a heart that does not allow itself to be taken over by hastiness is capable of being moved; that is, of not allowing itself to be caught up in itself and by things to do, and is aware of others, of their wounds, their needs. Compassion is born from contemplation. If we learn to truly rest, we become capable of true compassion; if we cultivate a contemplative outlook, we will carry out our activities without that rapacious attitude of those who want to possess and consume everything; if we stay in touch with the Lord and do not anesthetize the deepest part of ourselves, the things to do will not have the power to cause us to get winded or devour us. We need – listen to this – we need an "ecology of the heart," that is made up of rest, contemplation, and compassion. Let us take advantage of the summertime for this! It will help us quite a bit.

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DECIMOSEXTA SEMANA EN HORARIO ORDINARIO

LA IMPORTANCIA DEL DESCANSO, LA CONTEMPLACIÓN Y LA COMPASIÓN EN NUESTRO MINISTERIO

Extracto de la Reflexión Espiritual del Papa Francisco, Mensaje Ángelus, 18 de Julio de 2021

La actitud de Jesús que observamos en el Evangelio de la Liturgia de hoy (Mk 6:30-34) nos ayuda a comprender dos aspectos importantes de la vida. El primero es descansar. A los Apóstoles que regresan de los trabajos de la misión y que con entusiasmo comienzan a relatar todo lo que habían hecho, Jesús dirige tiernamente esta invitación...: "Vengan solos a un lugar solitario y descansen un rato" (v. 31). Una invitación a descansar.

¿Y cómo lo hacemos? Para hacerlo, debemos volver al corazón de las cosas: detenernos, permanecer en silencio, rezar para no pasar del frenesí del trabajo al frenesí de los momentos de relajación. Jesús no descuidaba las necesidades de la multitud, pero cada día, antes que nada, se retiraba en oración, en silencio, en intimidad con el Padre. Su tierna invitación, que descansen un rato, debería acompañarnos. Hermanos y hermanas tengamos cuidado de la eficiencia; detengamos la frenética carrera dictada por nuestras agendas. Aprendamos a tomarnos un descanso, a apagar el teléfono móvil, a contemplar la naturaleza, a regenerarnos en diálogo con Dios.

Sin embargo, el Evangelio nos dice que Jesús y sus discípulos no podían descansar como habían deseado. La gente los encuentra y acude en masa a ellos desde todos los lados. En ese momento, se conmueve con la compasión. Este es el segundo aspecto: la compasión, que es el estilo de Dios. El estilo de Dios es acercarse con compasión y ternura. Cuántas veces encontramos esta frase en el Evangelio, en la Biblia: "Él tenía compasión de ellos". Conmovido, Jesús se dedica a la gente y comienza a enseñar de nuevo (cf. vv. 33-34). Esto parece ser una contradicción, pero en realidad no lo es. De hecho, solo un corazón que no se permite ser tomado por la prisa es capaz de ser conmovido; el no permitirse quedar atrapado en sí mismo y en las cosas que hace, y es consciente de los demás, de sus heridas y de sus necesidades. La compasión nace de la contemplación. Si aprendemos a descansar de verdad, nos volvemos capaces de entender la verdadera compasión; si cultivamos una perspectiva contemplativa, llevaremos a cabo nuestras actividades sin esa actitud rapaz de aquellos que quieren poseer y consumir todo; si nos mantenemos en contacto con el Señor y no anestesiemos la parte más profunda de nosotros mismos, las cosas que hay que hacer no tendrán el poder de hacer que nos dejen sin aliento o nos devoren. Necesitamos escuchar una "ecología del corazón", que esté hecha de descanso, contemplación y compasión. ¡Aprovechemos el horario de verano para esto! Nos ayudará bastante.



Please pray for the sick in our parish, our family & friends, and those who care for them...Fr. Andre, Charlotte Baker, Charlie Bigelow, Larry Boll, Lourdes Borzoni Susan Conley, Cianna Gazperony, Hector Guerra, Monica Gerrero, Alysia Hash, Jasmine Hash, Linda Hoogendoorn, John Johnson, Judy Knight, Helen Kruljac, Coleen McCluskey, Jeremiah McSweeney, Joe McSweeney, Ines Mendoza, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, Don Nielsen, Andres Ochoa, Joaquina Ortega, Tyrone Rivera, Jim Serventi, Kirt Smartt, Judith Spears, Debbie Spicart, Rebeca Marie Stanley, Leslie Thomas, Toni Vecellio, and special intentions for all who suffer from

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *The Servidores de Maria will be hosting a Picnic Basket Food Sale on Sunday, August 18 Cost is \$50 full order \$30 for half order includes 1 lb. carnitas, 1 lb. chicken, beans, rice, guacamole, salsa, chips & tortillas Serves 6 to 8 people Laura will be taking orders after mass (vegan & vegetarian option on request)*



- *Proceeds from the St. Joseph Banquet Fundraiser continue to increase. Total now after expenses is \$16,351. This figure will continue to increase as all payments are not in from the Online Auction.*
- *A Lector Formation is scheduled for July 27 at 10 a.m.*
- *Coffee Social after the 9:30 a.m. mass on Sunday, July 28.*

ST JOSEPH ROOFING FUND We have raised \$29,037 to date. The roof cost \$43,500. We are still \$14,463 short. Checks payable to St. Joseph Roofing Fund. Thank you everyone for your constant support.

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, July 20, 5:00 p.m.

Margaret Mogni+ By: Charlene Chapell
Didi Manarang (Happy Birthday)

Sunday, July 21, 9:30 a.m.

Alma August+ By: Toni Vecellio

Alex Martinez+ By: Margaret & Garrett

Sunday, July 21, 11:30 a.m.

Robert Long(sp) By: OLOL Guild

Sunday, July 21, 4:00 p.m.

Andre Kelley+ By: Mary Rincon

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 – July 13 & 14

Our Lady of the Lake \$524

St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$1486

Our Lady of the Pines 11:30 am \$342

St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$309

First Collection \$1376 Second Collection \$1285

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES 2024-25

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.

Register today, Sunday July 21st after both Masses (9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Spanish) for our Sacrament programs. We require a copy of your child's Baptism and First Communion certificates (as stated on the registration forms per sacrament) and your fees to complete registration. Please come prepared. Thank you!

Hoy, El domingo 21 de julio, después de ambas Misas (9:30 a. m. y 4 p. m. en español), estaremos disponibles para registrar a sus hijos en nuestros programas sacramentales. Requerimos una copia de los certificados de Bautismo y Primera Comunión de su hijo (como se indica en los formularios de inscripción para cada sacramento) y sus tarifas para completar la inscripción. Por favor ven preparado. Gracias.

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



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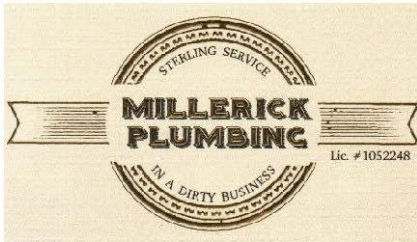
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