

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

July 28, 2024

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Pastoral Staff

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

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 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**THE LOGIC OF GIVING:
GOD CAN DO MUCH WITH THE LITTLE WE GIVE HIM
A Spiritual Reflection by Pope Francis, Angelus Message, July 25, 2021**

The Gospel of this Sunday's Liturgy recounts the famous episode of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, with which Jesus feeds about five thousand people who came to hear him (cf. Jn 6:1-15). It is interesting to see how this miracle takes place: Jesus does not create the loaves and fishes from nothing, no, but rather he works with what the disciples bring him. One of them says: "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" (v. 9). It is little, it is nothing, but it is enough for Jesus.

All the great protagonists of the Bible - from Abraham, to Mary, to the boy today - show this logic of smallness and giving. The logic of smallness and giving. The logic of giving is so different from ours. We try to accumulate and increase what we have, but Jesus asks us to give, to diminish. We like to add, we like addition; Jesus likes subtraction, taking something away to give it to others. We want to multiply for ourselves; Jesus appreciates it when we share with others, when we share. It is interesting that in the accounts of the multiplication of the loaves in the Gospels, the verb "multiply" never appears, no. On the contrary, the verbs used have the opposite meaning: "to break," "to give," "to distribute" (cf. v. 11; Mt 14:19; Mk 6:41; Lk 9:16). But the verb "to multiply" is not used. The true miracle, says Jesus, is not the multiplication that produces vanity and power, but the sharing that increases love and allows God to perform wonders. Let us try to share more: let us try the way Jesus teaches us.

Even today, the multiplication of goods cannot solve problems without fair sharing. The tragedy of hunger comes to mind, which affects the little ones. It has been calculated officially that every day in the world around seven thousand children under the age of five die due to malnutrition, because they do not have what they need to live. Faced with scandals such as these, Jesus also addresses an invitation to us, an invitation like the one probably received by the boy in the Gospel, who has no name and in whom we can all see ourselves: "Be brave, give what little you have, your talents, your possessions, make them available to Jesus and to your brothers and sisters. Do not be afraid, nothing will be lost, because if you share, God will multiply. Banish the false modesty of feeling inadequate, trust yourself. Believe in love, believe in the power of service, believe in the strength of gratuitousness."

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**DECIMOSÉPTIMA SEMANA EN HORARIO ORDINARIO
LA LÓGICA DE DAR:
DIOS PUEDE HACER MUCHO CON LO POCO QUE LE DAMOS**

Una reflexión espiritual del Papa Francisco, Mensaje del Angelus, 25 de julio de 2021

El Evangelio de la Liturgia de este domingo relata el famoso episodio de la multiplicación de los panes y los peces, con el que Jesús alimenta a unas cinco mil personas que vinieron a escucharlo (cf. Jn 6:1-15). Es interesante ver cómo se lleva a cabo este milagro: Jesús no crea los panes y los peces de la nada, no, sino que trabaja con lo que los discípulos le traen. Uno de ellos dice: "Aquí hay un niño que tiene cinco panes de cebada y dos peces. Pero, ¿qué son para tantas personas?" (V. 9). Es poco, no es nada, sin embargo, es suficiente para Jesús.

Todos los grandes protagonistas de la Biblia, desde Abraham hasta María, hasta el niño de hoy, muestran esta lógica de la pequenez y la entrega. La lógica de la pequenez y la entrega. La lógica de dar es muy diferente a la nuestra. Tratamos de acumular y aumentar lo que tenemos, pero Jesús nos pide que demos, que disminuyamos. Nos gusta sumar; a Jesús le gusta restar, quitar algo para dárselo a los demás. Queremos multiplicarnos por nosotros mismos; Jesús aprecia cuando compartimos con los demás. Es interesante que en los relatos de la multiplicación de los panes en los Evangelios, el verbo "multiplicar" nunca aparece: no. Por el contrario, los verbos utilizados tienen el significado opuesto: "romper", "dar", "distribuir" (cf. v. 11; Mt 14:19; Mk 6:41; Lk 9:16). Pero el verbo "multiplicar" no se usa. El verdadero milagro, dice Jesús, no es la multiplicación que produce vanidad y poder, sino el intercambio que aumenta el amor y permite a Dios realizar maravillas. Tratemos de compartir más: intentemos la forma en que Jesús nos enseña.

Incluso hoy en día, la multiplicación de bienes no puede resolver problemas sin un reparto justo. Particularmente viene a la mente la tragedia del hambre que afecta a los más pequeños. Se ha calculado oficialmente que todos los días en el mundo alrededor de siete mil niños menores de cinco años mueren a causa de la desnutrición, porque no tienen lo básico que necesitan para vivir. Frente a escándalos como estos, Jesús también nos dirige una invitación, una invitación similar a la que probablemente recibió el niño en el Evangelio, que no tiene nombre y en quien todos podemos vernos a nosotros mismos: "Sé valiente, da lo poco que tienes, tus talentos, tus posesiones, ponlos a disposición de Jesús y de tus hermanos y hermanas. No tengas miedo, nada se perderá porque si compartes, Dios te lo multiplicará. Destierra la falsa modestia de sentirse inadecuado, confía en ti mismo. Cree en el amor, cree en el poder del servicio, cree en la fuerza de la gratitud".



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 the 9:30 am & 4:00 p.m. masses. Father will designate someone on Cobb to take orders after mass. Food will be ready for pickup after the 9:30 mass on August 18, Cobb parishioners please designate which time will you be picking up your food.

(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.*
- *Coffee Social after the 9:30 a.m. mass on Sunday, July 28.*
- *The Arm of St. Jude the Apostle is visiting the United States and is coming to St. Joseph on August 19. See bulletin insert for details.*

ST JOSEPH ROOFING FUND We have raised \$29,162 to date. The roof cost \$43,500. We are still **\$14,338** 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 27, 5:00 p.m.

Clarine Lewkowicz+ By: Linda Diehl-Darms

Maria Cristina Alcalde Moreno+

By: Consuelo Alcalde

Sunday, July 28, 9:30 a.m.

VADM Will Arentzen USN Ret+

By: Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

Patti Hicks+ and her family By: Zoi Bracisco

Dale Jellison+ By: Anita Jellison

Gloria Gracheff+ By: Ned & Sally Munger

Sunday, July 28, 11:30 a.m.

Clayton Thomas(sp) By: Skylar Rodella

Betty Clarine Lewkowicz+ By: Frances Hall

Friday, August 2, 8:30 p.m.

James Salmina, Sr. By: Kathleen Brune

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 21 & 22

Our Lady of the Lake \$402

St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$2430

Our Lady of the Pines 11:30 am \$1135

St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$319

First Collection \$1947 Second Collection \$2289

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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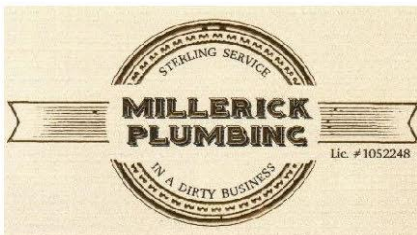
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