

# St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

*Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond*

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

August 4, 2024

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## **Pastoral Staff**

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza, Pastor  
Sandy Hood, Office Manager

Roger Mattu - RCIA Director  
Debbie Heidary-Newsletter/Website

## **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.  
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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 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time***

***Reflection By: Matthew Hoogendoorn***

The Gospel Reading (John 6:24 - 35) on this 18th Sunday in Ordinary time narrates how a crowd went searching for Jesus and the dialogue they had with Him. Let us reflect on each of the dialogues. Our Gospel story starts with the crowd departing by boat to Capernaum looking for Jesus and on seeing him ask, "Rabbi when did you get here?" Jesus replies, "Amen, amen I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you eat the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God has set his seal." In this first dialogue, Jesus tells the crowd to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs and should be seeking out Jesus because He gives them eternal life. Jesus adds that the Father put His "stamp" of approval on the Son, making Him the only one who can bestow eternal life!

The second dialogue seems to indicate that the crowd is on track to accepting Jesus and His mission when they ask, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answers, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." This is clearly Jesus' call for them to have faith in the One sent by God! The third dialogue is revealing. We see the crowd's inability to recognize Jesus' identity and so they ask, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?" How strange this sounds considering that Jesus has just fed more than 5,000 people? They compare Jesus to Moses as if to say, "Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God." And Jesus replies, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

The fourth dialogue shows the crowd's complete failure to understand and see who Jesus is, the Bread that comes down from heaven, the Bread of Life! This is evident when they ask for what they had found but did not recognize, "Sir, give us this bread always." Thus, Jesus explains, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Jesus tells the crowd and us, too, that He Himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel ... which in the weeks ahead, will be considered offensive by the people especially those who completely misunderstood Jesus' mission and ministry! In today's Gospel, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of Himself in the Eucharist!

Let us thank God for the Bread of Life, the Word of God and the Holy Eucharist that we receive in every Eucharistic Celebration we attend!

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***Domingo 18 en Horario Ordinario***

***Reflexión de: Matthew Hoogendoorn***

La lectura del Evangelio (Juan 6:24 - 35) en este domingo 18 en tiempo ordinario narra cómo una multitud fue en busca de Jesús y el diálogo que tuvieron con Él. Reflexionemos sobre cada uno de los diálogos. Nuestra historia del Evangelio comienza con la multitud que sale en barco hacia Capernaum en busca de Jesús y al verlo le preguntaron: "Rabino, ¿cuándo llegaste aquí?" Jesús les responde: "Amén, amén, te digo que me estás buscando no porque hayas visto signos, sino porque te comiste los panes y te llenaste. No trabajes por la comida que perece, sino por la comida que perdura para la vida eterna, la que el Hijo del Hombre te dará. Porque en él el Padre, Dios ha puesto su sello". En este primer diálogo, Jesús le dice a la multitud que vea más allá de la satisfacción de sus necesidades materiales y que debe buscar a Jesús porque él les da vida eterna. ¡Jesús añade que el Padre puso Su "sello" de aprobación en el Hijo, convirtiéndolo en el único que puede conceder vida eterna!

El segundo diálogo parece indicar que la multitud está en camino de aceptar a Jesús y Su misión cuando preguntan: "¿Qué podemos hacer para llevar a cabo las obras de Dios?" Jesús les responde: "Esta es la obra de Dios, que creas en el que él envió". ¡Este es claramente el llamado de Jesús para que tengan fe en él enviado por Dios! El tercer diálogo es revelador. Vemos la incapacidad de la multitud para reconocer la verdadera identidad de Jesús, por lo que preguntan: "¿Qué señal puedes hacer para que podamos ver y creer en ti?" ¿Qué tan extraño suena esto teniendo en cuenta que Jesús acaba de alimentar a más de 5.000 personas? Comparan a Jesús con Moisés como si dijera: "Moisés le dio a la gente maná en el desierto, danos una señal para que sepamos que eres de Dios". Y Jesús responde: "Amén, amén, te digo, no fue Moisés quien dio el pan del cielo; mi Padre te dio el verdadero pan del cielo. Porque el pan de Dios es el que desciende del cielo y da vida al mundo".

El cuarto diálogo muestra el completo fracaso de la multitud para entender y ver quién es Jesús, ¡el Pan que viene del cielo, el Pan de la Vida! Esto es evidente cuando preguntan por lo que realmente habían encontrado, pero no reconocieron: "Señor, danos de este pan siempre". Así, Jesús explica: "Yo soy el pan de la vida; el que viene a mí nunca tendrá hambre, y el que cree en mí nunca tendrá sed".

Jesús le dice a la multitud y a nosotros también, que Él mismo es el Pan de la Vida que satisfará toda hambre y sed. Esta es la primera de varias declaraciones de este tipo que se encuentran en el Evangelio de Juan... que, en las próximas semanas, serán consideradas ofensivas por las personas, ¡especialmente por aquellos que malinterpretaron completamente la misión y el ministerio de Jesús! ¡En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos despliega el don de Sí mismo en la ¡Eucaristía! ¡Demos gracias a Dios por el Pan de la Vida, la Palabra de Dios y la Santa Eucaristía que recibimos en cada celebración eucarística a la que asistimos!



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, 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 cancer.

## 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 and 4:00 pm mass, on August 18, Cobb parishioners please designate which time will you be picking up your food.*

*(vegan & vegetarian option on request)*



- *St. Joseph Banquet proceeds now totaling over \$17,000 with all outstanding bills paid. Congratulations parishioners, family and friends of St. Joseph parish. Proceeds will pay our insurance for 2024-2025.*

- *The Arm of St. Jude the Apostle is visiting the United States and is coming to St. Joseph on August 19. St. Joseph is one of only four churches chosen in our diocese to display this relic during the 2024 tour. Known as the Apostle of the Impossible, Saint Jude is revered for his unwavering dedication and steadfast faith. Millions have experienced his intercession in times of adversity and need. For additional information see flier in back of church. **We are in need of many volunteers for this event. The next meeting is on Thursday, August 8 at 6 pm in the classroom. Please join us!***

**ST JOSEPH ROOFING FUND** We have raised \$29,262 to date. The roof cost \$43,500. We are still \$14,238 short. Checks payable to St. Joseph Roofing Fund. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 3, 5:00 p.m.

**Charles Mogni+** By: Charlene Chapell

Sunday, August 4, 9:30 a.m.

**James Clare Franklin+** By: Stefan Ripich

**Margo Leight(sp)** By: Garrett

**James & Gayle Serventi 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

By: Cathy ,Jennifer, David & Stephanie (their children)

Sunday, August 4, 11:30 a.m.

**Karen Thomas+** By: Monica Huck

Tuesday, August 6, 8:30 a.m.

**Rogelio & Josefina++** By: Joy Blackwell

Wednesday, August 7, 8:30 a.m.

**Henry Giacomini (sp)** By: Dan & Pat Giacomini

Thursday, August 8, 8:30 a.m.

**Rogelio & Josefina++** By: Joy Blackwell

Friday, August 9, 8:30 p.m.

**August/Vecellio Families** By: Toni Vecellio

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 27 & 28

Our Lady of the Lake \$369

St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$1526

Our Lady of the Pines 11:30 am \$338

St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$397

First Collection \$1281 Second Collection \$1349

### 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, 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.**

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"



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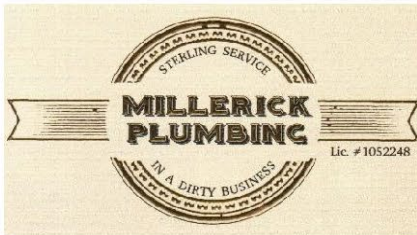
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