

# St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

*Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond*

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

August 18, 2024

707 987-3676



#### **Pastoral Staff**

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza, Pastor  
Sandy Hood, Office Manager

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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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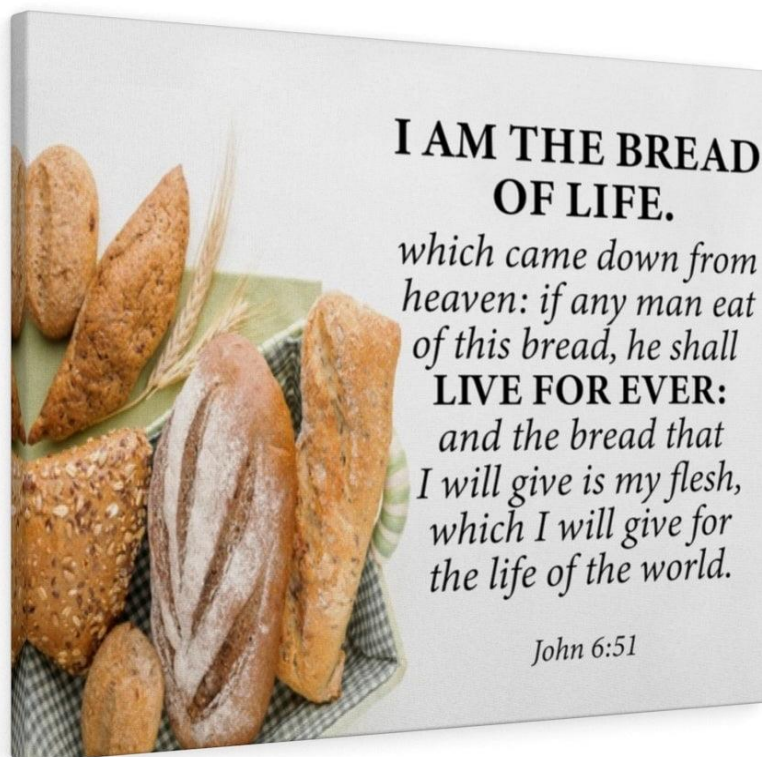
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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

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)

**The Importance of Believing and Salvation**

**by Zoi Brasico**

In today's Gospel Reading (John 6:51 - 58), Jesus continues to teach the crowd and us, too, on the need to eat His flesh and drink His blood to gain Eternal Life. We also see the crowd who continue to question and who obviously cannot understand what Jesus is teaching them.

In response to the people who quarreled over Jesus' words, He teaches them with even greater emphasis and says, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."

Indeed, it was difficult for the crowd then to understand what Jesus was teaching them ... perhaps because this reality could only be understood after Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.

With the benefit of hindsight ... and now knowing the events that took place from Jesus' Last Supper to His passion, death and resurrection, we cannot be like the unbelieving crowd! We cannot be like some people today who continue to struggle to accept Jesus' Words to eat His Body and drink His Blood!

And yes, believing in Jesus' Words is very important as they are key to our salvation.

Let us all thank God for the Living Bread that came down from Heaven ... the Eternal Life-giving Bread, that is the Holy Eucharist ... that we receive in every Eucharistic Celebration we attend!

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**Domingo 20vo en Tiempo Ordinario**

**La Importancia de Creer en la Salvación**

**Por Zoi Brasico**

En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy (Juan 6:51 - 58), Jesús continúa enseñando a la multitud y a nosotros también sobre la necesidad de comer Su carne y beber Su sangre para obtener la Vida Eterna. También vemos a la multitud que continúa cuestionando, y que obviamente no puede entender lo que Jesús les está enseñando.

En respuesta a las personas que se pelearon por las palabras de Jesús, Él las enseña con un énfasis aún mayor y dice: "Amén, amén, te digo, a menos que coman la carne del Hijo del Hombre y beban su sangre, no tiene vida dentro de ti. Quien coma mi carne y beba mi sangre tendrá vida eterna, y yo lo levantaré el último día".

De hecho, era difícil para la multitud entender lo que Jesús les estaba enseñando... tal vez porque esta realidad solo se podía entender después de la pasión, la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús.

Con el beneficio de la retrospectiva... y ahora conociendo los acontecimientos que tuvieron lugar desde la Última Cena de Jesús hasta Su pasión, muerte y resurrección, ¡no podemos ser como la multitud incrédula! ¡No podemos ser como algunas personas hoy en día que continúan luchando por aceptar las Palabras de Jesús para comer Su Cuerpo y beber Su Sangre!

Y sí, creer en las Palabras de Jesús es muy importante, ya que son clave para nuestra salvación. Todos demos gracias a Dios por el Pan Vivo que vino del Cielo... el Pan Eterno que da la Vida, que es 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, Debbie Cariela, Susan Conley, Cheryl Fua, Cianna Gazperony, Hector Guerra, Monica Gerrero, Alysia Hash, Jasmine Hash, Laura Hilton, Sandy, 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, Matt Woodard and **special intentions for all who suffer from cancer.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *As of August 1, our AMA pledges total \$13,172. This gives us \$672 over our goal. If all pledges are paid, this money will be returned to our parish! Thank you kindly!*
- *The Lady of the Lake Guild is holding a raffle in conjunction with the Blackberry COBbler Festival on August 24 at Belmont Pines Golf Course. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, 3-\$10, or 7-\$20. Prizes will include wine, home crafts, and certificates for local businesses. Contact Suzanna Macedo 707 272-2518 for tickets.*
- **THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 20 AT 8:30 A.M.**
- *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 three 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. Schedule as follows:*

*2:00-10 p.m. Veneration*

*5:00-6:30 p.m. Confessions*

*7:00 p.m. Mass*

**ST JOSEPH ROOFING FUND** We have raised \$29,622 to date. The roof cost \$43,500. We are still \$13,878 short. Checks payable to St. Joseph Roofing Fund. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

**First Communion Classes will begin on Friday, September 6, 4-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Classes 1<sup>st</sup> Year 12:45-2:15 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> year 2:30-3:50 p.m. All classes will be held in the classroom.**

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 17, 5:00 p.m.

**Fr. James McSweeney** By: Sandy

**St. Jude Visit** By: Anonymous

Sunday, August 18, 9:30 a.m.

**Col Craig Lewellyn USA Ret**

By: Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

**St. Jude Visit** By: Anonymous

Sunday, August 18, 11:30 a.m.

**Joe Luis+** By: Jennifer Rockwell

**St. Jude Visit** By: Anonymous

Tuesday, August 20, 8:30 a.m.

**NO MASS**

Wednesday, August 21, 8:30 a.m.

**John Borzoni+** By: Lourdes Borzoni

Thursday, August 22, 8:30 p.m.

**John Borzoni+** By: Lourdes Borzoni

Friday, August 23, 8:30 p.m.

**John Borzoni+** By: Lourdes Borzoni

**Reparation to the Sacred Heart**

By: Naomi Tambornini

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 – August 10 & 11

Our Lady of the Lake \$902

St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$1893

Our Lady of the Pines 11:30 am \$366

St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$384

First Collection \$1526 Second Collection \$2019

### 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!!

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.

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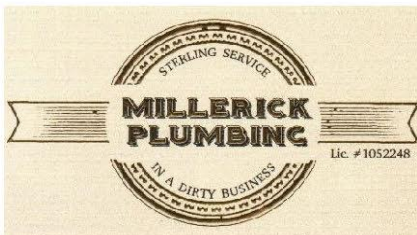
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