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Newsletter – July 2024

Dear Parishioners,

More than ever, I feel truly blessed to have been assigned here in this Parish of Saint Joseph, a small Parish with big-hearted parishioners! I thank God for having called you to be instruments of His generosity and compassion and I thank you all for having heeded God's call! It is heartwarming seeing our small Parish grow and improve, both temporally and spiritually!

I am truly impressed by our parishioners' devotion to the Eucharist ... which I believe inspires you all to be a community of generous and compassionate Christians. This also reminds me of 2 Corinthians 9:7 which states, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Your being cheerful givers was evident in our Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA). Figures from the Diocese show that we did not only meet our goal of \$12,500, we also exceeded it by \$237! I cannot help but be cheerfully grateful for your support to our Diocese!

We also saw cheerful givers in action in support of our Saint Joseph Banquet. Thanks again to all the cheerful givers including the Fundraising Committee headed by Jane Cauley and all the volunteers who helped. Congratulations to Kay Freeman and Veronica Chombo, the winners of the "Feast with the Priest" raffle. Overall, we raised a net income of \$16,351. We can now settle the insurance premiums for the three churches and the rectory!

On a negative note, we still have to raise more funds for our roofing project. To date we have raised \$29,037 which is \$14,463 short of the total project cost of \$43,500. I am urgently appealing for more of your generosity. My heartfelt thanks to those who have already donated to the project. My advance heartfelt thanks to those who have yet to donate and to those who will cheerfully add to what they have already donated. Again, please make checks payable to ST. JOSEPH ROOFING FUND.

With great zeal and hope, our religious education directress Patricia Giacomini, the teachers and their aides are preparing the classes for First Reconciliation, First Communion and for Confirmation. As mandated by the Diocese of Santa Rosa, the preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion is now a combined two-year program for students beginning at age 7 and enrolled in at least the Second Grade in school. Confirmation preparation remains the same with a two-year program for students aged 11 - 17 and enrolled in the Sixth Grade through Twelfth Grade in school.

It was befitting that our Formation and Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion coincided with the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. I thank those who attended the Formation and Training. We plan to have the commissioning of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15. Thanks, too, to those who attended the Lector Formation.

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Mass Times

St. Joseph

Tuesday – Friday
8:30 a.m.

Sunday's at 9:30 a.m.
and
4:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Our Lady of the Lake
Loch Lomond

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Pines

Sunday's at 11:30 am.



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Please pray for the sick in our parish 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 cancer.

On August 19, our small Parish will host a first-class Relic of Saint Jude Thaddeus, the Saint of the Impossible. What an honor and a blessing it is to be one of three Churches chosen in our Diocese to do the hosting. We do expect a lot of people to come for the veneration from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and for the 7:00 p.m. special mass. Together, let us endeavor to make the visit of the Relic of St. Jude Thaddeus a success and spiritually uplifting not only for us but also for all the guests who will be joining us!

Entrusting our families and our Parish community to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to our Parish Patron Saint Joseph!

To God be the Glory!!!

In His Service,

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza
Pastor
St. Joseph Catholic Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Enrollment for First Communion and Confirmation begins July 3 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.

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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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"I am the vine; you are the branches"

Parish 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.

June 2024 Collection Totals			
	1st	2nd	Total
06/01-02/2024	\$ 1,475.00	\$3,376.00	\$ 4,851.00
06/08-09/2024	\$ 1,938.00	\$1,721.00	\$ 3,659.00
06/15-16/2024	\$ 1,240.00	\$1,246.00	\$ 2,486.00
06/22-23/2024	\$ 1,418.00	\$1,266.00	\$ 2,684.00
06/29-30/2023	\$ 1,432.00	\$1,333.00	\$ 2,765.00
Total Received	\$ 7,503.00	\$8,942.00	\$16,445.00
	Monthly Target	\$ 17,202.00	
	Overage/Loss	\$ (757.00)	