

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

September 1, 2024

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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 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reflection by Aram and Angelita Thuesen

Today's reading from the Gospel of Mark clearly tells us that we need to prioritize God's commandments which is love of God and love of neighbor over the practice of mere human traditions if we want to stay true to the teachings of Jesus. Sometimes it is easy to get caught up in rituals and the practice of religion by mere outward and external practices for the appearance purposes, to appear good and holy only, while forgetting the true message of God's word and the heart of religion which is justice, mercy and compassion.

Jesus tells us in this passage that "nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come from within are what defile". This statement is important as Jesus is saying that it is not what goes into our bodies that makes us unclean but rather what comes out of bodies that can make us unclean. Rather, it is "from *within*, out of the heart" that evil things are born and make us unclean. It was a mindset of the time that certain foods or external contacts would make one impure. Jesus reverses the idea that it is not what comes from the outside that is harmful, but rather, what is born from within such Evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, and folly all come from within us and can defile a person.

In summary, it is important to emphasize God's commandments of love over human traditions which is rigidly observed, quite numerous and burdensome. We must reject the temptation of hypocrisy of merely concentrating on exterior defilement while ignoring the message that Jesus preached and practiced which is love, mercy and compassion.

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Vigésimo Segundo Domingo en el Horario Ordinario Reflexión

Escrita por Aram y Angelita Thuesen

La lectura de hoy del Evangelio de Marcos nos dice claramente que necesitamos priorizar los mandamientos de Dios, los cuales son el amor a Dios y el amor al prójimo, sobre la práctica de las meras tradiciones humanas si queremos permanecer fieles a las enseñanzas de Jesús. A veces es fácil quedar atrapado en los rituales y la práctica de la religión por meras prácticas externas y con fines de apariencia, para parecer solo bueno y santo, mientras se olvida el verdadero mensaje de la palabra de Dios y el corazón de la religión, tales como es la justicia, la misericordia y la compasión.

Jesús nos dice en este pasaje que "nada que viene a uno desde el exterior puede difuminar a esa persona; pero las cosas que vienen del interior son lo que difumen". Esta declaración es importante, ya que Jesús está diciendo que no es lo que entra en nuestros cuerpos lo que nos hace inmundos, sino lo que sale de los cuerpos es lo que puede hacernos inmundos. Lo que viene "de dentro, del corazón" es que las cosas malas nacen y nos hacen inmundos. Era una mentalidad de la época en la que ciertos alimentos o contactos externos harían que uno fuera impuro. Sin embargo, Jesús invierte esa idea de que no es lo que viene del exterior lo que es dañino, sino más bien, lo que llevamos dentro. Tales como pensamientos malvados, como es la castidad, robo, asesinato, adulterio, codicia, malicia, engaño, lujuria, envidia, blasfemia, arrogancia y locura vienen de dentro de nosotros y pueden difuminar a una persona.

En resumen, es importante enfatizar los mandamientos de amor de Dios sobre las tradiciones humanas que se observan rígidamente, bastante numerosas y opresivas. Debemos rechazar la tentación de la hipocresía de simplemente concentrarnos en la sanidad exterior mientras ignoramos el mensaje que Jesús predicó y practicó, como es el amor, misericordia y compasión.



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, Linda Hoogendoorn, John Johnson, Judy Knight, Helen Kruljac, Coleen McCluskey, Joe McSweeney, Ines Mendoza, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, Don Nielsen, Andres Ochoa, Joaquina Ortega, 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

- *Our Lady of the Lake will continue mass at 5 o'clock through the month of September, then will revert to 4:00 p.m. the first of October. Mass on Sunday at Our Lady of the Pines will also continue at 11:30 a.m. through the month of September, weather permitting.*
- *On September 20 to 23, we will be blessed with another special event ... the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit/Display of Blessed Carlos Acutis. I am inviting you all to watch this spiritually enriching exhibit!*
- *Mark your calendars for the Feast in the Vineyard scheduled for Saturday, October 12. Tickets sales will begin next weekend.*

ST JOSEPH ROOFING FUND We have raised **\$32,122** to date. The roof cost **\$43,500**. We are still short by **\$11,378**. Checks payable to St. Joseph Roofing Fund. Thank you for your constant support!

PLATE COLLECTIONS – 8/24 & 8/25/24
 Our Lady of the Lake \$589
 St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$1807
 Our Lady of the Pines 11:30 am \$146
 St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$190
 First Collection \$1280 Second Collection \$1703

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"



Saturday, August 31, 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. John Bourne+ By: Our Lady of the Lake Guild

Sunday, September 1, 9:30 a.m.

James Clare Franklin+ By: Stefan Ripich

Janice Ebert+ By: Douglas Ebert

Ed Brune+ By: Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

Sunday, September 1, 11:30 a.m.

Bobby Hood+ By: Sandy Hood

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

1st Reconciliation classes begins on Friday, September 6 at 4 p.m. Confirmation classes begin on Sunday, September 8 at 12:45 p.m. (1st year) and 2:30 p.m. (2nd year)

Families who have not registered, or who have registered but not paid, please meet at the classroom on the day of classes to finalize your child's registration: 1st Reconciliation at 3:30 p.m. Confirmation at 1:30 p.m. 2nd Confirmation students must register "again" and pay the fees.

PLEASE BRING copies of your child's Baptism Certificate (Reconciliation students) and Baptism and First Communion Certificates for Confirmation students. Required.

Las clases de 1^a Reconciliación comienzan el 9/6 a las 4pm. Las clases de confirmación comienzan el 9/8 a las 12:45 (1er año) y 2:30 (2do año).

Las familias que no se han registrado, o que se han registrado pero no han pagado, por favor reúnanse en el aula el día de las clases para finalizar la inscripción de su hijo/a: 1^a Reconciliación a las 15:30 horas. Confirmación a las 13:30 horas. Los alumnos de la 2^a Confirmación deberán volver a matricularse y abonar las tasas.



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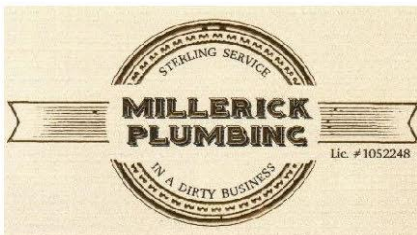
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