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Newsletter – September 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Blessings!

This month of September has truly been a month of blessings and surprises!

What a great blessing it was to start off with the celebration of the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Yes, our Church celebrates Mary's nativity on September 8 being one of the three key figures connected to the Incarnation and our Redemption. It is our way not only of honoring her mission as the Mother of our Savior but also our way of celebrating her personhood, which by itself is worthy of being celebrated!

Our Parish celebrated our Blessed Mother's birthday with two special events. First was the start of classes for the religious education of more than fifty students and I could see our Blessed Mother's hand in their religious training through our dedicated and able teachers. It was very reassuring! Second was the Feast with the Priest with the raffle winners Veronica Chombo and Kay Freeman. As always, we had a superb dinner hosted and prepared by Pat and Lisa Lambert. Thanks a lot again, Pat and Lisa, for sharing with us your gastronomic delights!

The next great blessing and a big surprise came the week we started the selling of tickets for the Feast in the Vineyard fundraising event. A generous parishioner, who wants to remain anonymous, paid off the remaining balance of our roof project! My heartfelt thanks to our anonymous donor and to all who donated to our roof project! May God bless and reward you all abundantly for your generosity. To God be the glory, our roof project is done and fully paid for!

Another blessing was the coming of the Exhibition and Display of the Eucharistic Miracles across the world as designed by Blessed Carlos Acutis. I am so grateful to Pam Quiroz and Laura Rosales for setting up the exhibit materials. It was a great opportunity for our parishioners and children to know the many Eucharistic miracles throughout the world with the intention to deepen our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to be introduced to the first-ever millennial to be canonized a Saint. Blessed Carlo Acutis' feast day is celebrated every 12th of October.

When I celebrated my 44th birthday last September 21, I could not help but reflect on yet another blessing, not exclusive to this month ... but an on-going blessing God granted and continues to grant me. And that is God's blessing of bringing me to this Parish and of giving me parishioners like you. Thanking God unceasingly for this blessing and thank you all for being a blessing to me. Thanks, too, for all the birthday prayers and good wishes. On October 12, 2024, I will be celebrating my 12th Year Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary. I am inviting you all to my Thanksgiving Mass at 9:30 a.m. at Saint Joseph.

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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, 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.

Later that day, we will have our fundraising event Feast in the Vineyard at Bantry Vineyard from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.! I trust that you have bought your tickets not only for the Feast in the Vineyard but also for the raffle for the Priest Prepares the Feast. Looking forward to a financially successful yet fun-filled celebration. Funds are urgently needed for Parish maintenance and projects including improvements and repairs at our Mission Church, Our Lady of the Lake!

As we welcome the beautiful season of autumn, 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

Announcements

- Next month we will be processing our Annual October 2024 Mass Count. You will notice certain individuals counting the numbers of adults and children who attend our masses.
- There will be no Mass at Our Lady of the Lake on Saturday, October 12 at 4:00 p.m. so everyone can attend the Feast in the Vineyard. The mass at Our Lady of the Lake will be scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 13 that weekend.
- OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, classes will begin soon. Contact Esther Oertel at 707 772-6200. The Adult Confirmation Class will also begin soon. Contact Tom Scalfaro 707 657-9059.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
presents
the Third Annual
"Feast in the Vineyard"
Father Lawrence Birthday and Ordination Celebration
Saturday, October 12, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Social Hour 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Dinner served at 5:00 p.m.

At Bantry Vineyard, formerly owned by Father James
12102 Hwy 29 (directly across from C Street, Lower Lake)

Serving American food by Pat & Lisa Lambert,
Mexican food by Old Mill Restaurant, Asian Food by Fr. Lawrence & company

Featuring entertainment provided by the Eureka Dance Troupe
Music provided by Juvenal and JJ Campos, including Karaoke

Silent Dessert Auction

ADULT TICKETS \$50
CHILDREN \$10 ages 4-12 (3 and under free)

Auction tickets available for the
"Priest Prepares the Feast"
Purchase your tickets for a gourmet feast
prepared by our own Father Lawrence.
Two winners, each winner allowed 3 additional guests,
tickets to be drawn the night of the event.
\$10 each or 6 for \$50

Tickets are available after Mass until Sunday, October 6,
also available at Rosales Market or the rectory

For additional information contact the office 707 987-3676

August 2024 Collection Totals			
	1st	2nd	Total
08/03-04/2024	\$ 1,881.00	\$3,174.00	\$ 5,055.00
08/10-11/2024	\$ 1,526.00	\$2,019.00	\$ 3,545.00
08/17-18/2024	\$ 1,554.00	\$1,555.00	\$ 3,109.00
08/24-25/2024	\$ 1,280.00	\$1,703.00	\$ 2,983.00
Total Received	\$ 6,241.00	\$8,451.00	\$14,692.00
	Monthly Target		\$ 17,202.00
	Overage/Loss		\$ (2,510.00)