

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

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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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*whoever wants to be great among you
shall be your servant, and whoever
wants to be first among you shall be
your slave*

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)
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)

Servanthood, Suffering and Redemption by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

Today's Gospel Reading (Mark 10:35-45) describes a critical point in the lives of Jesus' inner circle composed of twelve disciples He personally chose. Jesus has just informed them, for the third time, of His impending suffering and death and were on their way to Jerusalem where Jesus is to face His passion and death. But the twelve disciples do not understand His Messiahship, still believing that Jesus is going to establish an earthly realm where they will share in His power and hold positions of honor.

Thus today, we hear James and John (two of the twelve) approach Jesus with this request, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Knowing that James and John are oblivious of what they are asking for, Jesus tells them that their request is not His to give. Mark narrates that even if the request was denied, the fact that the two approached Jesus with such a request resulted to the indignation of the other ten disciples towards the two. This reveals that perhaps each one of them has the same ambition to be the first over the other. In fact, a few Sundays ago, St. Mark did narrate an argument the twelve had as to who among them was the greatest.

Jesus takes this opportunity to again teach His inner circle of disciples about **Servanthood, Suffering and Redemption**. He summons them and says, "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Jesus is bringing home the point that His Messiahship is not one of being honored and served as one in authority, but one of serving and saving others through His ministry, suffering and death. That is, our Gospel Reading explains how Jesus is to accomplish His mission of saving mankind from the slavery of sin through His passion and death. Jesus is preparing His twelve disciples for their future mission of continuing His ministry!

Today's Gospel is undoubtedly a fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy in our First Reading (Isaiah 53:10-11), which is a part of the Fourth Servant Song in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. It is a Messianic prophecy that speaks of how the Servant of God will save mankind by sacrificing himself as the atonement for our sins.

The suffering of the Servant is definitely God's will and plan as it states, "The Lord was pleased to crush him in infirmity." Pleased, not in the suffering but in the purpose of the Servant's suffering ... which will lead to the justification for many and ultimate glory for the Servant.

Yes, Jesus is the "Suffering Servant." Jesus demonstrates the Divine Love for us by coming as the Messiah who is truly the "Suffering Servant." In gratitude, let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit to strengthen and motivate us to heed Jesus' teachings on **Servanthood, Suffering and Redemption** ... and give our lives in the loving service to others!



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, Barbara Kaelin, Judy Knight, Helen Kruljac, Coleen McCluskey, Joe McSweeney, Ines Mendoza, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, Don Nielsen, Andres Ochoa, Joaquina Ortega, Gayle 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

• *There will be no Weekday Masses from October 21st to the 25th as Fr. Lawrence will be away for his one-week vacation.*

• *During the last week in October, the Month of the Rosary, there will be Recitation of the Holy Rosary before Mass as follows:*

Saturday – OLOL – 4:15 p.m. Rosary

Sunday – St. Joseph – 9:15 a.m. Rosary

Sunday – St. Joseph – 4:15 p.m. Rosary

• *On Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27 Fr. Sudhakar Mannam will be conducting a Mission Appeal at all the Masses. He is the representative of the Diocese of Guntur, Andra Pradesh India. Please put your blue envelopes in the first collection as the second collection will be for his Diocese.*

• *Training for Sacristans and Acolytes will be held every Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. mass during the month of November.*

• *Training for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will be held on Saturday, November 16 at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Church.*

• *On Sunday, December 8, during the 9:30 a.m. Mass, we will have the Investitures of the Acolytes and Commissioning of the Lectors.*

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"



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 19, 4:00 p.m.

Charles & Margaret Mogni++

By: Charlene Chappell

Sunday, October 20, 9:30 p.m.

Veterans & others suffering from PTSD

By: Robert Krause

Anita Jellison (Birthday)

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 – 10/6/24

Our Lady of the Lake \$1059

St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$3919

St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$502

First Collection \$1989 Second Collection \$3491

PLATE COLLECTIONS – 10/13/24

Our Lady of the Lake \$487

St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$1565

St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$587

First Collection \$1442 Second Collection \$1197



ALL SAINTS & SOULS DAY

Friday, November 1 is All Saints Day.

Mass schedule is as follows:

9:30 a.m. St. Joseph

11:30 a.m. Our Lady of the Lake

7:00 p.m. St. Joseph (Spanish)

Signup sheets for Eucharistic Adoration on that day are in the back of the church.

Saturday, November 2 is All Souls Day

A bilingual Mass of Commemoration of the

Faithful Departed is scheduled for

12 noon at St. Joseph

All Souls Remembrance envelopes are available in the back of both churches.



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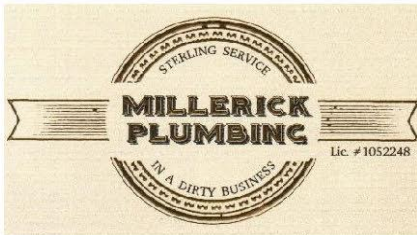
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