

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

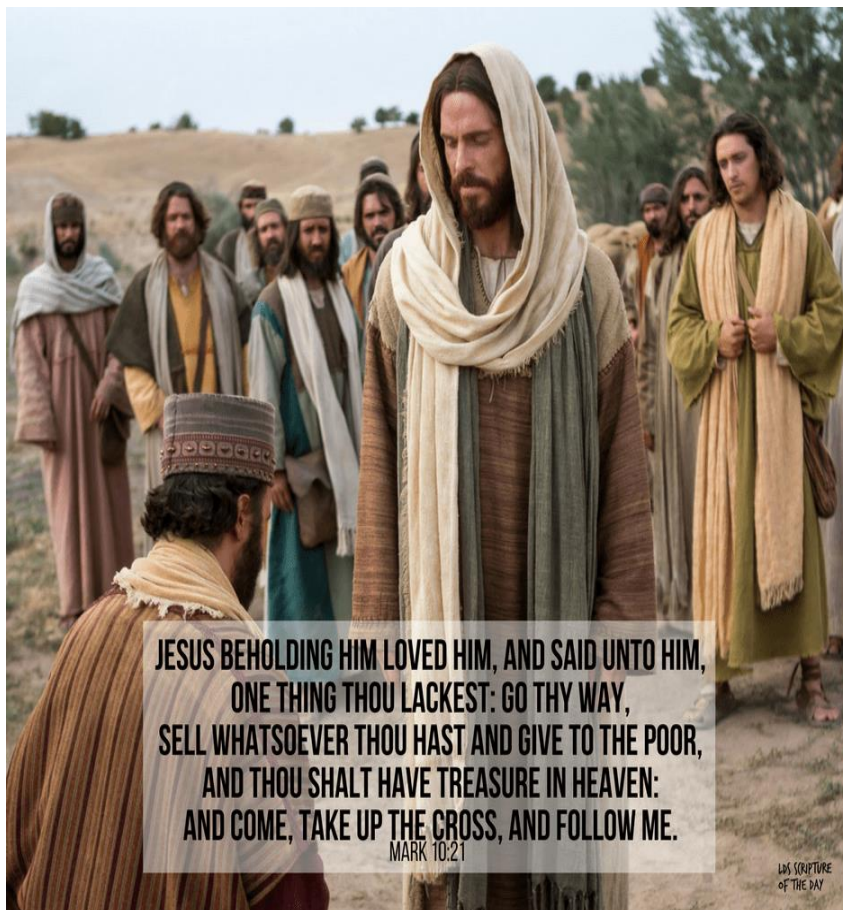
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For those who are elderly, seriously
ill, or scheduled for surgery, please
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Parish Office Hours:

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)
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)

Path to Perfection by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

Today's readings teach us the **Path to Perfection**, the path to eternal life!

The First Reading (Wisdom 7:7-11) reflects the sentiments of King Solomon, the ruler who requested for only one gift from God ... wisdom. Wisdom, as described in our First Reading, is more valuable than power, riches, health and beauty. Moreover, with wisdom all good things come.

Likewise, the Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17) is a prayer to God for the gift of wisdom of heart. As God bestows the gift of wisdom on the people, they, too, are given kindness, joy, success and prosperity. Notably, the Psalm also calls for the gracious care of the Lord.

Our First Reading, echoed by the Psalm, teaches us to call on God to lead us to the **Path to Perfection**.

The Second Reading (Hebrews 4: 12-13) describes the Word of God as an "all-seeing eye" piercing one's innermost being. We can better understand this knowing Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. Yes, Jesus came to proclaim the Good News with words, but He did it with much more than just His teaching. He actively lived the words of the Good News. Let us listen and learn from Jesus, undeniably our **Path to Perfection**.

In today's Gospel Reading (Mark 10: 17-30), an unnamed man approaches Jesus and asks what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must sell what he owns, give to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness because he had many possessions.

Jesus goes on to comment how hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God and adds, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about, Jesus reminds His disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by one's ability to rely completely upon God.

Peter boldly tells Jesus that the disciples have already given up everything to follow Him. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. He assures the disciples that all who suffer loss in following Him will receive back far more than they lose both now and will continue on to eternal life in the age to come.

For those of us who sincerely desire to inherit eternal life, let us listen to Jesus who says, "All things are possible for God." Thus, let us turn to God and pray with the psalmist, "Lord, teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain Wisdom of Heart." The Wisdom of Heart that will enable the wealthy man and us, too, to do what Jesus requires that we may be directed to the **Path to Perfection** and inherit eternal life!



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, 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 October 14th to 18th as Fr. Lawrence will be attending the Annual Diocesan Priest Retreat at Vallombrosa.*

• *Fr. Juan Ramon Diaz will be celebrating Mass on Sunday, October 20 at 4:00 p.m. as Fr. Lawrence will be starting his vacation.*

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

• *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.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 13, 9:30 p.m.

Helen Mondavi Ventura+

By: Peter & Pinky Ventura

Sunday, October 13, 11:30 p.m. OLOL

Cariela Family (sp) By: Mom

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 – 9/29/24

Our Lady of the Lake \$258

St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$3016

Our Lady of the Pines 11:30 am \$497

St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$520

First Collection \$2131 Second Collection \$2160



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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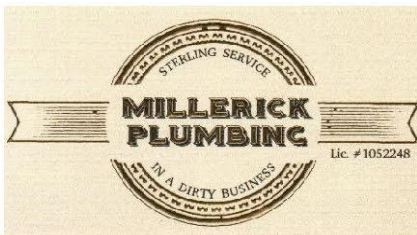
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