

# St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

*Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond*

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

October 27, 2024

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## **Pastoral Staff**

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza, Pastor  
Sandy Hood, Office Manager

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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

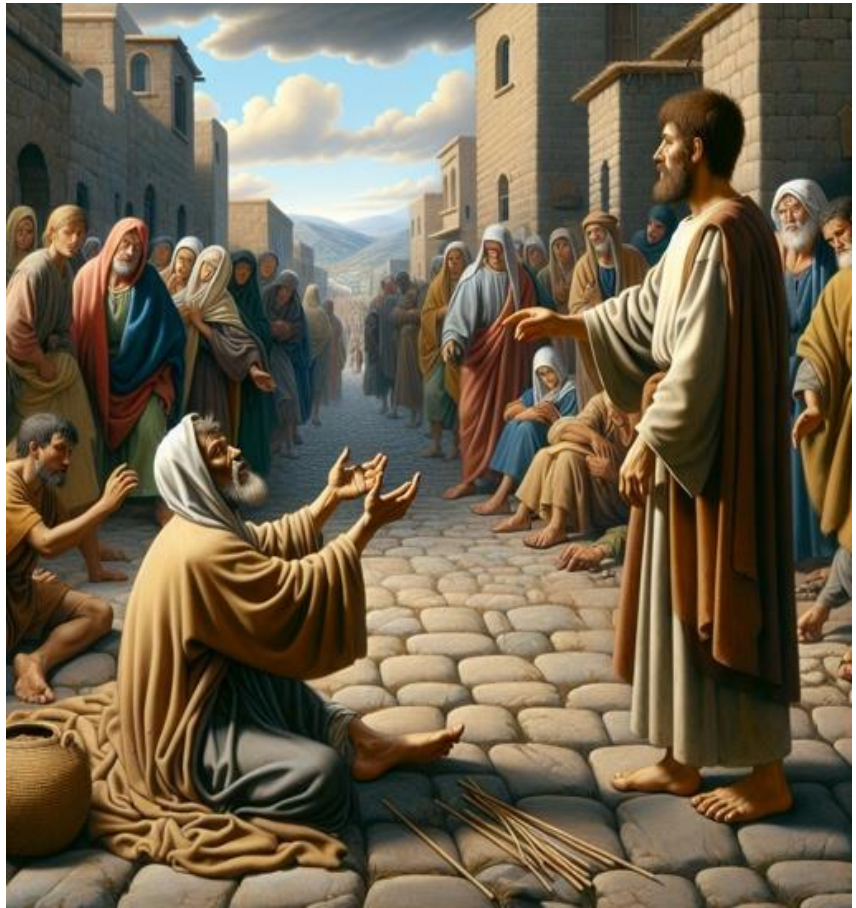
### **Anointing of the Sick**

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.  
Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Friday 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 4:00 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)

**Faith and Deliverance by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza**

In our First Reading (Jeremiah 31:7-9), God speaks through Jeremiah calling on the people to rejoice on account of what God will do for the exiled people. God is bringing them back to their own land. That is, the people are not returning home on their own but on Divine deliverance. Moreover, it states that the “remnant of Israel” are the ones being delivered. More than the fact that “remnant” here may refer to the survivors as some may have died while on exile, “remnant” may more appropriately refer to those who remained faithful to God. This is definitely something that we may reflect on, to have **Faith and gain Deliverance** from any form of bondage!

Yes, our Lord will gather His people from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame, the mothers and those with child. Jeremiah is silent on the Lord changing their bodies but assures them that He will lead them to brooks of water and on level road so that none shall stumble! So, reassuring!

Our Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6) describes how happy the exiles were when the Lord brought them back to Zion. In their joy, they tell other nations of God’s greatness to them. Perhaps, God is not asking us to just live on the great memories of the past. Our Responsorial Psalm also teaches us to prepare for a greater hope and states, “Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.” God has not just done great things for us, He also promises us that amidst sorrow in life, we are on our way to unending joy! Have **Faith and gain Deliverance** from misfortunes!

The Second Reading (Hebrews 5:1-6) tells us that all high priests are called by God, giving them the legitimate claim to their priestly duties. In the same way, Jesus was also called by God saying, “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” We do not only learn that Jesus’ appointment will never end, but we also get to realize that Jesus, having been glorified by God as His Son, will Himself become the Sacrifice.

The Gospel Reading (Mark 10:46-52) starts with Jesus about to make His entrance into Jerusalem to be the perfect High Priest and perfect Victim. Notably, He is in Jericho, the gateway city through which the Israelites came when they entered the Promised Land.

When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.” The crowd tries to silence and rebuke him, but Bartimaeus persists. We notice how quickly the crowd’s reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now say, “Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.” Jesus restores Bartimaeus’ sight without elaborate actions. Jesus simply says, “Go your way; your faith has saved you.”

Throughout Mark’s Gospel, the success of Jesus’ healing power has often been linked with the faith of the person requesting Jesus’ help. We know of a woman with the hemorrhage being healed because of her faith. We also know of Jesus not being able to heal in Nazareth due to the absence of faith by the people there.

On Bartimaeus’ healing, he follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem, becoming the last disciple called by Jesus before entering Jerusalem. Clearly, Jesus does not only bring physical healing, but He also brings spiritual healing. Let us learn from Bartimaeus ... profess our **Faith**, get through Jericho spiritually healed ... **and** follow Jesus to our spiritual **Deliverance**!



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, Elinor Rich, 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

- ***Last weekend to buy raffle tickets for Priest Prepares the Feast. See Jane & Laura Drawing will be next Sunday.***
- ***Coffee Social after the 9:30 mass today. Join us for a cup of coffee, maybe a donut, then chat with your fellow parishioners.***
- ***We welcome Fr. Sudhakar Mannam this weekend. He will be saying all the Masses and conducting a Mission Appeal. He is the representative of the Diocese of Guntur, Andra Pradesh India. The second collection will be for his Diocese, please put your blue envelopes in the first collection.***
- ***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

**Saturday, October 26, 4:00 p.m.**

**Franco Bastoni+**

By: Macedo Family

**Sunday, October 27, 9:30 p.m.**

**Andre Huck(sp)**

By: Skylar Rodella

**Garrett Nelligan(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 – 10/20/24

**Our Lady of the Lake \$523**

**St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$1796**

**St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$409**

**First Collection \$1616 Second Collection \$1112**



## 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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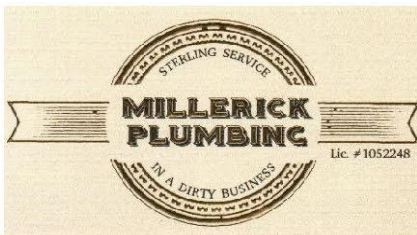
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