

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

November 17, 2024

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Fr. Lawrence Mendoza, Pastor
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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 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)

Spiritual Reflection 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Be Prepared for the End Times by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

A blessed 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today is the second to the last Sunday of our Liturgical Year. As we approach the end of our Liturgical Year, our focus shifts to eschatology, which is defined as a branch of theology concerned with the final events in the history of the world or of humankind. Thus, our readings invite us to reflect on the end times ... the end of the world as we know it. Reflect and **Be Prepared for the End Times!**

Our First Reading (Daniel 12:1-3) describes a time of distress that has never been seen. But at that time, there shall arise “Michael, the great prince” and all whose names are “written in the book” shall escape, shall be rescued. It goes on to remind us of the reality of the resurrection of the dead, when some shall rise to everlasting life and others to everlasting horror and disgrace. Moreover, the wise and those who lead others to justice and righteousness shall shine brightly like stars forever ... in God’s eternal kingdom.

Our Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11) declares hope and trust on the Lord who shows us, the faithful, the path to life, the fullness of joys in His presence ... that is, eternal life!

Our Second Reading (Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18) reminds us of the eternal priesthood of Jesus Christ. Jesus makes the one perfect sacrifice of Himself, for our salvation and now seats forever at the right hand of God. There He waits for when His enemies are made His footstool, clearly referring to the end of time when Christ shall rule the earth as King and Judge!

Our Gospel Reading (Mark 13:24-32) also invites us to reflect on Jesus’ predictions and teachings about the end of the world. In the context of Mark’s Gospel, Jesus’ words on these are addressed to His disciples as He prepares them for His passion and death.

Jesus describes signs that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words include Old Testament imagery, especially images found in our First Reading. Jesus also offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be **Prepared for the End Times**.

Such is imperative as Jesus emphasizes that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father!

With full trust and faith, we are called to see the signs all around us. Indeed, we face challenging times, but the ultimate victory has been assured by the perfect sacrifice of Jesus. That is, the reality of His saving action is over, but has yet to be fully realized in our individual lives and in the life of the world as a whole. We have yet to face the judgment of God individually at the moment of our death and as a whole at the final judgment.

Yes, Jesus’ words are not spoken to frighten His disciples, nor should they frighten us. With the certainty of the end of time, with the certainty that no one but God the Father knows when, let us constantly model our lives on Jesus and without fear ... be **Prepared for the End Times**, whenever it will be!



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, Ines Mendoza, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, Don Nielsen, Maxine Lair, 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

- *The next Coffee Social will be held next Sunday, November 24 after the 9:30 a.m. mass*
- *Sunday, December 8, we are having a wine sale, \$5 per bottle. In addition, we have Christmas decorations and other assorted items for sale. The classroom will be open before and after mass.*
- *Sunday, December 8, during the 9:30 a.m. Mass, we will have the Investitures of the Altar Servers.*
- *December 8, Procession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*
- *Monday, December 9, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*

Mass @ 9:30 a.m. English

Mass @ 6:30 p.m. Spanish

We will have the Commissioning of the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers during mass.

- *Thursday, December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mass at 6:30 p.m.*
- *The Servidores de Maria are having a Christmas Raffle to generate funds to finish the Grotto area. See Laura Rosales for tickets.*

Christmas Store Pop-Up

The Lady of the Lake Guild is sponsoring a Christmas Pop-up Store, with gift items for everyone on your list. We will be selling home-baked goods, home-made craft items, religious items, cards, and Advent seasonal items.

The sale will occur on one day only after each Mass - Saturday November 30 after the 4:00 pm mass at Our Lady of the Lake, Sunday December 1 after the 9:30 am mass at St. Josephs, and Sunday December 1 after the 4:00 pm mass at St. Josephs.

Proceeds from the sale will go towards repairs and maintenance at Our Lady of the Lake.



Saturday, November 16, 4:00 p.m.

David Mogni+ By: Charlene Chappell

Sunday, November 17, 9:30 a.m.

Nick & Margaret Schaff++ By: Jane Cauley

Wednesday, November 20, 8:30 a.m.

Susan+ By: Didi

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 – 11/10/24

Our Lady of the Lake \$982

St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$1346

St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$458

First Collection \$1599 Second Collection \$1187



***November 28
Thanksgiving Day
Mass at 9:00 a.m.***

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



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