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# St. Joseph Catholic Church

**Newsletter – November 2024**

Dear Parishioners,

We started the month of November with the exultant celebration of the Solemnity of All Saints. That is, we honored holy men and women, the Church Triumphant, who are now rejoicing with the Lord in heaven! We may have focused on those who have been recognized and canonized because knowing them and how they lived their lives on earth gave us a “how to” book on holiness, reminding us of Jesus’ teachings.

Yes, and as an Abbot (now St. Bernard of Clairvaux, a Doctor of the Church) renowned for his powerful preachings reminded us, this celebration is more for our benefit than those of the saints. In a homily on this feast day, he said, “Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feast day mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honors when their heavenly Father honors them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honor from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning.”

A tremendous yearning for what? Abbot Bernard of Clairvaux concluded, “Therefore, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession.” Such is a bond between the Church Triumphant and us, the Church Militant or Church Pilgrim, still fighting the spiritual battle here on earth!

Next, we observed All Souls’ Day, a Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Believing that departed loved ones still in Purgatory, the Church Suffering, cannot pray for themselves, it is imperative that we as members of the Church Pilgrim, offer prayers and intercessions on their behalf and on behalf of all the forgotten souls in purgatory. Moreover, it is always good practice to do so, not only on All Souls’ Day but always!

This month, in keeping with our mission as the Church Pilgrim, we had another training for those who missed the training a few months ago for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, lectors and new altar servers. Thanks to those who participated in this undertaking and thanks, too, to the anonymous donors of the albs for the altar servers.

Our Lady of the Lake Guild, through Rick Macedo, presented to the Council the urgently needed repairs and improvements at Our Lady of the Lake Church. These include repairs of the gutters, buttresses and deteriorating beams; the need for new doors and tiles for the toilets; and the purchase of a new heating and air-conditioning unit for the Church. The total cost has yet to be determined, after which we will need to raise the funds needed.

On the long-awaited results of the “Priest Prepares the Feast” raffle, I would like to congratulate the winners, Donna Alverio and Veronica Diaz!

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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, 4:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Pines

Closed till Summer



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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, Michael C., 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.

On the last Sunday of November, we celebrated the Solemnity of Christ the King. In reverence to a Kingship that never ends, may we always let Jesus Christ reign in our lives, families, homes, in our country and in the whole world. That is, completely surrender our lives to the sovereign power of Jesus Christ!

As we bid farewell to the month of November with the joy of Thanksgiving Day and welcome the month of December with the hope of a new Liturgical Year, entrusting our families and our Parish community to Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, to Our Lady of Guadalupe and to our Parish Patron Saint Joseph!

To God be the Glory!!!

In His Service,

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza  
Pastor



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

### 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.

## Announcements

- Sunday, December 8, 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.

- 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. Proceeds will go to completing the Grotto area. See Laura Rosales for tickets.

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*You are cordially invited to a*

### JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATION

*"Pilgrims of Hope" Multilingual & Diocesan-Wide*

*(Night Mass – Misa De Noche) December 16,*

*Monday at 7:00 PM at St. Joseph Parish*

*Middletown. Celebrant: Fr. Lawrence Mendoza*

*A Filipino potluck follows the celebration provided*

*by the Filipino Parish Hosts*

### October 2024 Collection Totals

	1st	2nd	Total
10/05-06/2024	\$ 1,989.00	\$3,491.00	\$ 5,480.00
10/12-13/2024	\$ 1,442.00	\$1,197.00	\$ 2,639.00
10/19-20/2024	\$ 1,616.00	\$1,112.00	\$ 2,728.00
10/26-27/2024	\$ 2,664.00		\$ 2,664.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$ 7,711.00</b>	<b>\$5,800.00</b>	<b>\$13,511.00</b>
	<b>Monthly Target</b>		<b>\$17,202.00</b>
	<b>Overage/Loss</b>		<b>\$ (3,691.00)</b>
<b>10/27 2nd colletion for Diocese of Guntur \$1489.00</b>			