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**Newsletter – October 2024**

Dear Parishioners,

Blessings!

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and there was no better way to celebrate the month than to pray the Rosary. I trust that we all did!

Last October 7, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This year, Pope Francis called us all to pray the Rosary and fast on this day for peace in the world. A timely call considering the on-going wars and conflicts in various parts of the world! And so apt, considering the significance of October 7, the day in 1571, when Catholic naval forces won the Battle of Lepanto. The Catholic forces were outnumbered and the Pope then, St. Pope Pius V, called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary. The victory, is evidence of the Hand of God working through Our Lady, prevented the Islamic invasion of Europe!

Initially, the day was celebrated liturgically as Our Lady of Victory. Later, it was renamed Our Lady of the Rosary and extended throughout the Universal Church. Notably at Fatima, Our Lady introduced herself to the children, “I am the Lady of the Rosary.” Our Lady taught the children how to pray the Rosary and to pray it every day ... to bring peace and end a “great war.” Following the teaching at Fatima, let us pray the Rosary every day not only in October, but always ... and ask the powerful intercession of Our Lady for the end of wars and for the beginning of peace. Peace in our hearts, our homes and in the whole world!

Moving earlier to the 1st day of October, we celebrated the Feast of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, also popularly known as the Little Flower. She entered the contemplative Carmelites at age 15. When asked at her canonical examination why she joined, she answered, “I came to save souls and especially to pray for priests.” And she did so as a “spiritual sister” to some priests ... communicating with them only through letters, praying and offering sacrifices for their missionary work. She had wanted to be a missionary herself but her poor health prevented her from being one. A missionary at heart, she died at a young age of 24.

It is no surprise that St. Therese became a patron saint of missions and missionaries and in fact the month of October is also dedicated to Missions. The mission period always starts on October 1, on the Feast of St. Therese and ends on the penultimate Sunday of October. Thus, this year, we ended it last October 20 with the World Mission Sunday.

As many of you know, I was ordained a priest on October 12, 2012, making the month of October very special to me. My heartfelt thanks to all who attended my 12th year anniversary Thanksgiving Mass. Thank you for being part of this sacred journey. I cannot help but reflect on Jesus’ words last October 13, “Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age ...” What I gave up when I left home to become a priest had been returned to me a hundred times more through all of you ... a community of families I am treated to be a part of. Thank you all for being God’s blessings to me!

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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, 5:00 p.m.**

**Our Lady of the Pines**

**Closed till Summer**



## SaintJosephMiddletown



*Please pray for the sick in our parish 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.

The Feast in the Vineyard was definitely a great success! My heartfelt thanks to the many who made it so. Those who bought tickets for the Feast and raffle tickets for the Priest Prepares the Feast; Pat and Lisa Lambert, Mr. Humberto of the Old Mill Restaurant and the St. Joseph Filipino community for the food; those who donated desserts for the silent auction; our wine servers Dan Giacomini and Bill Lagle; the Eureka Dance Troupe (the Filipino-American in Sacred Heart Parish, Eureka) for the entertainment; the Campos family for the music and the sound system; Jose and Sonia Ramirez, Sandy Hood, Debbie Heidary, Joan O’Keeffe, Toni Vecellio and all the volunteers including the students from Middletown High School; also to Margaret Carlisle and Garrett Nelligan for opening their homes and booking two rooms in the Inn at Eagles and Rose Inn for our visitors and of course, the Fundraising Committee headed by Jane Cauley! To date, we have raised \$ 10,836.00.

The sale of raffle tickets for the Priest Prepares the Feast will continue and we plan to do two raffle draws on November 3, one after the 9:30 a.m. Mass and another draw after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

From October 14 to 18, I had the opportunity to join the Diocese of Santa Rosa Clergy Annual Fall Retreat at the Vallombrosa Retreat House in Menlo Park. Rest assured that I prayed for all of you and your families. Also, I had the chance to take a one-week break with the visit of Fr. Sudhakar Mannan, a representative of the Diocese of Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, India at our Parish for a mission appeal. Fr. Mannan is currently assigned at the Sacred Heart Parish in Eureka but next month, he will be transferring to Lakeport as the Pastor of the Saint Mary Parish. Thank you for welcoming him and for your generosity in helping the Diocese of Guntur.

As we go through this beautiful season of autumn, entrusting our families and our Parish community to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to our Parish Patron Saint Joseph!

To God be the Glory!!!

In His Service,

### Announcements

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.



**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.**

#### September 2024 Collection Totals

	1st	2nd	Total
08/31-09/01/24	\$ 1,928.00	\$3,145.00	\$ 5,073.00
09/07-08/2024	\$ 1,432.00	\$2,149.00	\$ 3,581.00
09/14-15/2024	\$ 4,559.00		\$ 4,559.00
09/21-22/2024	\$ 1,396.00	\$1,554.00	\$ 2,950.00
09/28-29-2024	\$ 2,131.00	\$2,160.00	\$ 4,291.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$ 11,446.00</b>	<b>\$9,008.00</b>	<b>\$20,454.00</b>
	<b>Monthly Target</b>		<b>\$17,202.00</b>
	<b>Overage/Loss</b>		<b>\$ 3,252.00</b>
<b>09/14-15/24 2nd collection for Gonzales Family \$2060</b>			