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Newsletter –February 2025

Dear Parishioners,

Blessings and Peace!

I am back! Thank you all for your prayers for my safe and productive travel to the Philippines. My visa was successfully renewed and I had an enjoyable visit with my family and friends. Very memorable was being with my mother on her 80th birthday. It was special and I thanked God for making it happen!

My heartfelt thanks to Fr. Alvin Villaruel, Fr. Rowell Gumalay, Fr. Marlon Atendido and Fr. Sudhakar for celebrating Masses in my absence and to all parishioners for warmly welcoming and taking care of them!

The month of February is dedicated to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In fact, the Pope's intentions for February encouraged Catholics to pray especially for the young people to welcome God's call to serve in the priesthood or religious life. Moreover, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, which is celebrated on February 2, is also the day for consecrated life. Consecrated persons have made their commitments to answer God's call to total dedication to God and His service. Let us all pray and support them as we also pray that someday, we will have our very own Parishioners with vocations to religious or clerical life!

The planting of vocations begins in the way in which we practice our faith in our families and communities. I trust that our Parish ... through our Masses, Eucharistic adorations and other Catholic devotions and sacraments ... encourages you all to strengthen your faith as a family! A family rooted in the model of the Most Holy Family to which the month of February is also dedicated to.

Every February 11, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, we celebrate the World Day of the Sick. This year, we were not able to celebrate the World Day of the Sick with a healing Mass and anointing of the sick, but I trust that everyone prayed for our sick parishioners and their caregivers and supported them with acts of love and words of encouragement ... the very essence of the day! From afar, I did my own praying for them! Moreover, let us continue to pray for the healing and complete recovery of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

While on my home leave, I also prayed for the intentions of our Parish including the raising of funds for our three Churches' annual insurance premiums. When Sandy e-mailed me that our first fundraising event, the Super Bowl Squares, was not selling well, I got concerned. But deep in my heart, knowing how supportive you all are of our needs, I believed that this fundraising would succeed.

Thanks for proving me right! All squares finally sold out! Congratulations to Tom Boll who received \$1,000 for winning the half time score and to Tim Stegelvik, Jr. who received \$1,500 for winning the final score of the game. The \$2,500 from this fundraiser was deposited for our Churches' insurance premiums.

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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, Kathleen Brune, Michael C, Debbie Cariela, Jim Coddington, Susan Conley, Barbara Farkas, Cheryl Fua, Cianna Gazperony, Hector Guerra, Monica Gerrero, Alysia Hash, Jasmine Hash, Laura Hilton, Linda Hoogendoorn, John Johnson, Barbara Kaelin, Joe & Mary Ann Kenny, Judy Knight, Helen Kruljac, Harry Krall, Pat Lambert, Ines Mendoza, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, John Morris, Don Nielsen, Kathryn Nielsen, Maxine Lair, Andres Ochoa, Joaquina Ortega, Elinor Rich, Kirt Smartt, Judith Spears, Debbie Spicart, Rebeca Marie Stanley, Leslie Thomas, John Thompson, Toni Vecellio, Bobbie Whitely and special intentions for all who suffer from cancer.

Praying, too, for your continued support and generosity for our next fundraising event for the insurance premiums. That is, the Annual Banquet Fundraising Event on March 29, 2025, a Saturday, at the Twin Pine Casino and Hotel Event Center. Tickets are at \$70 per person and are available after all Masses or you may call our office for reservations. Raffle tickets for the Feast with the Priest are also available at \$10 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$50.00. The raffle tickets will be drawn during the Banquet. And please do not forget to support our silent and live auction activities by donating items to be auctioned and by participating in the auctions also to be done during the Banquet.

As we start preparing for the Lenten Season that will commence on March 5, Ash Wednesday, let us all be reminded of our Catholic obligations of fasting, intense prayer and almsgiving. On the very first day of the Lenten Season, the ash we receive is a symbol of repentance and a call for conversion as we reflect on what Jesus did for us in His passion and death.

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,

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza
Pastor

Announcements

Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes

English: St. Joseph 9:30 a.m., Our Lady of the Lake 12:30 p.m.

Spanish: St. Joseph 6:30 p.m.

●The church Altar Society is looking for volunteers to help clean the church every other Thursday at 10:30 in the morning. The cleaning takes about 1 to 1 1/2 hours. If interested, please call Judy Knight (707) 533-5461.

●The Religious Education Program is looking for two additional part time teacher's aides. Please contact Pat Giacomini, or the office, if you are interested.

St. Joseph Catholic Church Annual Banquet Fundraiser Saturday, March 29, 2025

Twin Pine Casino & Hotel Event Center
22223 State Highway 29, Middletown
5:00 p.m. doors open

Silent Auction preview and bidding
6:00 p.m. Dinner

Live Auction immediately following dinner and
Feast with the Priest Drawing

MENU

Choice of Pork Loin with blackberry sage glaze,
Roasted Tuscan Chicken, or Pasta Primavera

Dinner includes Caesar and/or green salad, garlic
mashed potatoes, bread, dessert and 2 glasses
of wine

(Vegan alternative available if requested in advance)

Proceeds from this event will be used to pay the
annual insurance premiums
\$70 per person

Tickets available beginning 2/22/25 after mass,
Or call the office for reservations. 707 987-3676.

~~ Advance purchase required ~~.

January 2025 Collection Totals

	1st	2nd	Total
1/1/2025	\$ 1,241.00		\$ 1,241.00
01/4-5/2025	\$ 1,599.00	\$3,056.00	\$ 4,655.00
01/11-12/2025	\$ 1,700.00	\$2,258.00	\$ 3,958.00
01/18-19/2025	\$ 1,179.00	\$1,601.00	\$ 2,780.00
01/25-26/2025	\$ 948.00	\$1,071.00	\$ 2,019.00
Total Received	\$ 5,426.00	\$7,986.00	\$ 14,653.00
	Monthly Target		\$ 17,202.00
	Overage/Loss		\$ (2,549.00)