

Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

March 2, 2025

707 987-3676



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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.

P.O. Box 1350

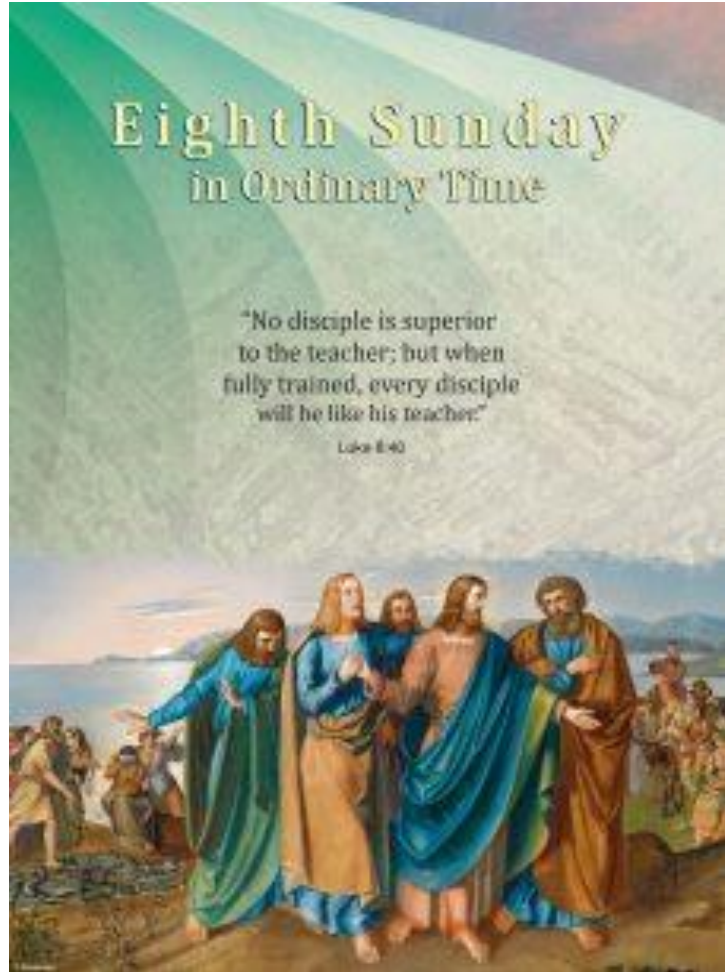
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MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady of the Lake Mission – 12836 Hwy 175, Loch Lomond
Saturday Mass 4:00 pm

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 –Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let Us Use Our Gaze to Look for the Good in Others and Our Speech to Express Care and Respect

Excerpt from A Spiritual Reflection by Pope Francis, Angelus Message, February 27, 2022

In the Gospel of today's Liturgy, Jesus invites us to reflect on the way we look and the way we speak. Our gaze and our speech.

Dear brothers and sisters, the Lord invites us *to clean up our gaze*. He first asks us to look within ourselves to recognize our failings, because if we are not capable of seeing our own defects, we will always be inclined to magnify those of others. If instead we acknowledge our own mistakes and our own flaws, the door of mercy opens up to us. And after looking within ourselves, Jesus invites us to look at others as he does — this is the secret, to look at others as he does — who does not look at evil first but at goodness. God looks at us in this way: he does not see irredeemable errors in us, but rather he sees children who make mistakes. It is a change in outlook: he does not focus on the mistakes, but on the children who make mistakes. God always distinguishes the person from his errors. He always saves the person. He always believes in the person and is always ready to forgive errors. We know that God always forgives. And he invites us to do likewise: not to look for the evil in others, but the good.

After our gaze, today Jesus invites us to reflect on our *speech*. The Lord explains that “out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks” (v. 45). It is true, from the way a person speaks, you can tell straight away what is in their heart. The words we use say who we are. At times, though, we pay scarce attention to our words, and we use them superficially. But words carry weight: they enable us to express thoughts and feelings, to give voice to the fears we have and the plans we intend to realize, to bless God and others. Unfortunately, however, through our tongue we can also feed prejudices, raise barriers, attack and even destroy; we can destroy our brothers and sisters with our words. Gossip hurts, and slander can be sharper than a knife! These days, especially in the digital world, words travel fast; but too many of them convey anger and aggression, feed false news, and take advantage of collective fears to propagate distorted ideas. A diplomat, who was Secretary General of the United Nations, and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, said that “to misuse the word is to show contempt for man” (D. Hammarskjöld, *Markings*, 1955, 112).

Let us then ask ourselves what type of words we use: words that express care, respect, understanding, closeness, compassion, or words that aim mainly to make us look good in front of others? And then, do we speak mildly, or do we pollute the world by spreading venom: criticizing, complaining, feeding widespread aggression?

May Our Lady, Mary, whose humility was seen by God, Virgin of silence to whom we now pray, help us purify our gaze and our speech.



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.

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 & butter, 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 now after Mass

Or call the office for reservations. 707 987-3676.

~ Advance purchase required ~

**MARCH 16 IS THE DEADLINE FOR
TICKET SALES**

SUNDAY COLLECTION 2/23/25

Our Lady of the Lake \$242

St. Joseph English 9:30 am \$2408

St. Joseph Spanish 4:00 pm \$318

First Collection \$1148 Second Collection \$1820



Year-end statements for tax purposes will be available until April 15. Email or call Sandy in the office if you would like a copy.



Saturday, March 1, 4:00 p.m.

Barbara Disbrown (sp) By: Weiss Family

Sunday, March 2, 9:30 a.m.

Linda Schaff+ By: Cauley Family

Wednesday, March 5, 8:30 a.m.

Stephen Vecellio+ By: Weiss Family

Friday, March 7, 8:30 a.m.

Debbie Cariela (sp) By: Sandy Hood

Mass intentions available for all Masses. Envelopes are in the back of both churches. Complete the envelope and either bring to the office or put in the collection basket on Sunday.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

● Ash Wednesday is on March 5th. Mass Schedule and Distribution of Ashes is as follows:

9:30 a.m. - St. Joseph

12:30 p.m. - Our Lady of the Lake

6:30 p.m. - St. Joseph (Spanish)

● 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
AUCTION ITEMS.....we now have about a dozen items for our auction . We are accepting auction items in the rectory. Please remember, office open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 10-2. Forms to accompany your donation available at the churches.

*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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