

# St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

*Our Lady of the Lake Mission*

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

March 15, 2026

(707) 987-3676

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### **Pastoral Staff**

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza - Pastor  
Sandy Hood - Office Manager

Pam Quiroz - Rel Ed Director  
Debbie Heidary-Newsletter/Website

### **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.

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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 - Middletown 11:30 a.m. (English)  
St. Joseph Church – Middletown 4:00 p.m. (Spanish)

### **St. Joseph Church Weekday Mass Schedule**

Tuesday through Friday 8:30 a.m. (English)

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Every Friday)

Friday 6:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

7:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Every Friday)

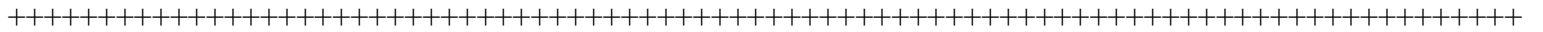
## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Jesus' Healing of Physical & Spiritual Blindness by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

On The Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday, gives us a brief pause about midway through the penitential spirit of Lent to “rejoice” and look forward to what awaits us on Easter Sunday! Today’s readings also remind us to “rejoice” for Jesus’ healing of our broken spirits! Specifically in our Gospel Reading (John 9:1-41), again from the Gospel of John like last Sunday, we hear the story of Jesus healing a man blind from birth. The story begins with the disciples asking Jesus whose sin caused the man’s blindness, the parents’ sin or the man’s ... a prevalent belief at that time that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. Jesus responds, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.” And Jesus performs the healing!

Next, we hear of the stubborn pride and prejudice of the Pharisees condemning the healing of Jesus on the Sabbath ... and doubting that the healed man is the same man who had been blind. For answers, they question the man’s parents and repeatedly question the man himself. The parents refuse to say no more than admit that he was their son and that he was born blind ... for fear of the Jews and expulsion from the synagogue. They wash their hands about how he was healed saying, “He is of age; question him.” The healed man holds firm on his healing and says, “If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything.” And he gets thrown out of the synagogue!

The story ends with Jesus seeking out the man and revealing Himself to him as the “Son of Man.” And the man believes and worships Jesus! Consequently, Jesus says, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.” Yes, the Pharisees become blind by their pride to recognize Jesus as the “Light of the world” ... as the healed man grows in spiritual sight to see and believe in the “Son of Man.” Like the story of the Samaritan woman last Sunday, today’s story of the blind man is another inspiring story of conversion leading to discipleship! Let us all learn from the blind man and allow Jesus to heal not only our physical blindness but more so our spiritual blindness ... and be able to proclaim: If this Man were not from God, He would not be able to do anything!



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

<p>ST. JOSEPH-FRIDAY 5:00 PM – ENGLISH 6:00 PM – SPANISH</p>	<p>OUR LADY OF THE LAKE-SATURDAY 3:15 PM – ENGLISH</p>
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SIGN UP: @ back of St. Joseph

- WASHING OF FEET ON HOLY THURSDAY (12)
- TO CARRY THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY FOR STATIONS OF CROSS (OUTDOOR)
- LECTORS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK/EASTER CELEBRATIONS

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS**

March 20, 2026 5:30 p.m. - Practice with sponsors  
 March 21, 2026 10:30 a.m. -First Holy Communion (Please be at church by 9:30 a.m.)

**CONFIRMATION 2 YR STUDENTS**

April 19, 2026 2:30 p.m. - Fr. Lawrence will hear Confession  
 April 24, 2026 5:00 p.m. - Practice with sponsors  
 April 25, 2026 4:00 p.m.- Confirmation

SAINT JOSEPH, MIDDLETOWN

# Join us! First Communion Primera Comunión

MARCH 21 @ 10:30AM

ADRIANA SOFIA AVINA  
 ALAN JOSE LEON AVENDANO  
 ANDRE ALEJANDRO SANDOVAL RODAS  
 DARWIN PERALES NEGRETE  
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 VIVIANA PIMENTEL

ST. JOSEPH, MIDDLETOWN  
NOVENA MASS OF ST. JOSEPH

MARCH 10-13 @ 8:30AM  
 MARCH 14 @ 9:30AM  
 MARCH 15 @ 9:30AM  
 MARCH 16-18 @ 8:30AM

FEAST DAY- MASS: MARCH 19  
 12:30PM-(ENGLISH)  
 6:30PM (SPANISH)



Please pray for the sick in our parish, our families & friends, and those who care for them....Tony Arnold, Charlotte Baker, Larry Boll, Lourdes Borzoni, Kathleen Brune, Rick Freeman, Michael C, Corkey Cauley, Debbie Cariela, Gail Erasmy, Barbara Farkas, Steve Foster, Cheryl Fua, Cianna Gazperony, Hector Guerra, Alysia Hash, Jasmine Hash, Laura Hilton, Shay, Barbara Kaelin, Joe & Mary Ann Kenny, Helen Kruljac, Ines Mendoza, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, John Morris, Don Nielsen, Kathryn Nielsen, Maxine Lair, Andres Ochoa, Joaquina Ortega, Kate Pavelchik, Elinor Rich, Grace Q, Maureen Rixen, Jim Serventi, Kirt Smartt, Judith Spears, Debbie Spicart, Rebeca Marie Stanley, Naomi Tambornini, Leslie Thomas, Rachel Torez, Toni Vecellio, and special intentions for all who suffer from cancer.

For the St. Joseph Parishioners, sign up to FORMED.ORG by Scanning the QR Cod



**How to Register** (1) Visit [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) (2) Click "Sign Up" (or "Sign In" if you already have an account) (3) Search for our parish by name (4) Enter our parish zip code (5) Provide your email address  
Once registered, you can begin exploring a wide variety of faith-enriching programs right away. Take advantage of this wonderful gift and deepen your Catholic faith and intensify prayer this Lenten Season!

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*St. Joseph Annual Banquet Fundraiser is scheduled for May 9. We are now collecting auction items at the office.**

**\*Donation statements for tax purposes are available. Contact Sandy in the office 707 987-3676 or [stjoseph11@att.net](mailto:stjoseph11@att.net).**

**\*Coffee Social is scheduled for March 22 after the 9:30 am and 11:30 am Masses. We are looking for volunteers to help setup and cleanup at the coffee socials. Please contact Lynn Thacher 707 890-0793 if you can help us. Also please contact Lynn if you can volunteer to help clean the church twice a month.**

*Visit our website for a copy of the bulletin [stjoseph-middleton.com](http://stjoseph-middleton.com)  
"I am the vine; you are the branches"*



Saturday, March 14, 9:30 a.m.

**Addriana Fernande(HB)** By: Glynis

Saturday, March 14, 4:00 p.m.

**Efren Mendoza+** By: Didi Manarang

**Camacho Family** By: Toni Vecellio

Sunday, March 15, 9:30 a.m.

**Lon Scott+** By: Ann Scott

**Karen Sciacca+** By: Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

**Camacho Family** By: Toni Vecellio

Sunday, March 15, 11:30 a.m.

**Isabel Mondavi+** By: Peter & Pinky Ventura

**Diane Jeane Stacey+** By: John & Mary Jo Gawley

Tuesday, March 17, 8:30 a.m.

**Camacho Family** By: Toni Vecellio

Wednesday, March 18, 8:30 a.m.

**Kathy Walls+** By: Monica Huck

**Camacho Family** By: Toni Vecellio

Thursday, March 19, 8:30 a.m.

**Camacho Family** By: Toni Vecellio

**Josepha Mantac Pandongan+** By: Tony & Yvette Scalese

Friday, March 20, 8:30 a.m.

**Camacho Family** By: Toni Vecellio

**Announcements continued...**

**\*Launching of New Parish Directory...For all Parishioners of St. Joseph - please update your information using a form available in the back of the churches. New to our Parish - please complete a form and return to the office so that everyone will be included in the New Parish Directory. Remember to include your email address so you will be included in the mass email announcements. Forms can be returned by placing in the collection basket, put in the mail slot in the backdoor of the rectory, or mail to the office. If you recently registered with the parish and requested envelopes, please check on the table in the front of the church for your box of envelopes. Call the office if you do not find them.**

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**INVITATION TO MASS of the CHRISM** - The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, along with the Diocesan and Religious priests of the Diocese invite you to participate in the Mass of the Chrism at the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

The Mass of the Chrism is celebrated once a year. The Bishop blesses the oil of Catechumens, the oil of the Sick and the oil of Chrism. This Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the ministerial priesthood that the bishop has received. It also signifies the unity the priests have with the bishop who share in the same ministerial priesthood. During this Mass, the Diocesan and Religious priests will renew their commitment of priestly service.

**COLLECTION – March 8**

**Our Lady of the Lake 4:00 pm - \$905**

**St. Joseph 9:30 am - \$1739**

**St. Joseph 11:30 am - \$875**

**St. Joseph 4:00 pm - \$397**

**TOTAL COLLECTIONS - \$3916**



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**ST. JOSEPH, MIDDLETOWN**

# **HOLY WEEK**



## **PALM SUNDAY**

**MARCH 28-4PM @ Our Lady of the Lake**

**March 29- Procession & Mass: 9:30 AM • 11:30AM • 4 PM**



## **HOLY THURSDAY**

**APRIL 2- Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**5:30PM (BILINGUAL)**

**(Adoration until 12 MIDNIGHT )**



## **GOOD FRIDAY**

**APRIL 3, 1:30 PM- Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)**

**2:00 PM - 7 Last Words Reflection & Testimony (Bilingual)**

**3:00 PM- Passion of the Lord-(Bilingual)**



## **EASTER VIGIL**

**Saturday, April 4**

**6:30 p.m. Mass (Bilingual), St. Joseph**

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

**Sunday, April 5**

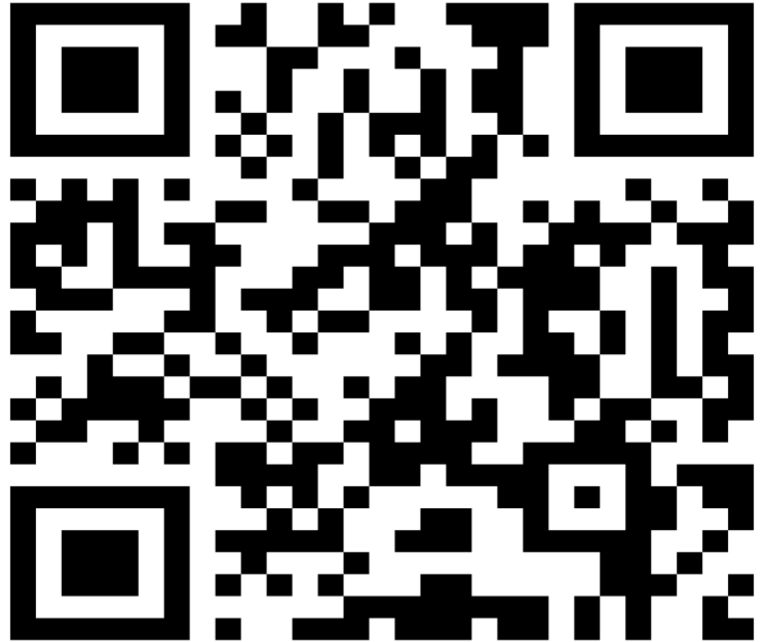
**9:30 A.M. (English)-St. Joseph**

**11:30A.M. (English) -Our Lady of the Lake**

**4:00 P.M. (Spanish) -St. Joseph**



## EVENT REGISTRATION



## BUS REGISTRATION



Join Catholics from across California for **Catholics at the Capitol** on **Wednesday day, March 25, 2026**, at the Plaza of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento.

This special day will include prayer, a rally, formation in Catholic social teaching, a Marian Rosary procession for the Feast of the Annunciation, Holy Mass, and opportunities to meet with legislators.

All are invited — parishioners, youth groups, high school students, Newman Centers, Social Justice and Respect Life ministries, and Marian groups.

Transportation will be available for a fee from St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cotati.

SAINT JOSEPH, MIDDLETOWN

# Palm Sunday Picnic Basket

GOOD FOR 4 TO 6 PAX

PREPARED BY LAURA ROSALES

WHAT'S IN THE BASKET?

STEAK, CHICKEN, CARNITAS

WITH THE CHOICES OF TWO MEAT

\$60



32 Ounces of Beans

32 Ounces of Rice

1 Pound of Each Choice of Meat

16 Ounces of Guacamole

16 Ounces Salsa

Tortillas ( Choice of Flour or Corn)

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## OTHER OPTIONS- VEGAN AVAILABLE

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TO ORDER- AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES OR TEXT LAURA

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**DEADLINE TO ORDER: MARCH 22**



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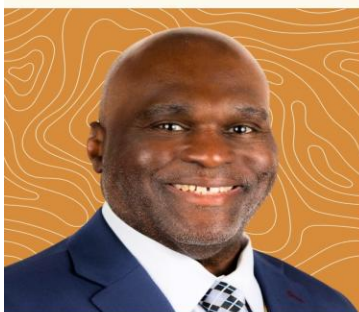
# MEN'S CONFERENCE

## MARCH 20-21, 2026

CATHEDRAL OF ST. EUGENE & BECKER CENTER

*"Pray Without Ceasing"* 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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Saturday March 21st 8:00am - 4:00pm  
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