

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

March 29, 2026

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Pastoral Staff

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza - Pastor
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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.
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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)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Walking Jesus' Way of the Cross by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

On this Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we begin Holy Week and reflect on the events that led to our redemption and salvation. Let us accompany Jesus, not only on His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but also on His way to the cross. With gratitude, let us open our hearts to the reward of the Paschal Mystery ... Jesus' Passion, Death, Resurrection and later, His Ascension, the culmination of Jesus' redemptive work signifying the opening of Heaven's gates to all believers! Today's Liturgy begins with the procession with palms to commemorate Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Our Gospel Reading (Matthew 26:14 – 27:66) proclaims the events of Jesus' Passion in their entirety ... and will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the Liturgies during the Holy Triduum. The story of Jesus' Passion and Death in Matthew's Gospel focuses on the obedience of Jesus to the will of His Father. At Gethsemane, Jesus prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, concludes by affirming His obedience to the Father's will. Notably, even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father. Yes, Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in Death, so that sins may be forgiven! It is worth noting that there are details in Jesus' Death that are unique to Matthew's Gospel. These include the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus, the death of Judas, the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. In addition, the narrative of earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death, with a slightly different account in Mark's Gospel, makes the centurion and the men with him say, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

Characters in Matthew's Gospel invite us to reflect about ourselves and how we are to respond to Jesus. Are we like Judas, who betrays Jesus? Are we like Peter, who denies Him, or the disciples, who fall asleep on Jesus' request to pray with Him and later abandon Him in fear? Like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry His cross? Like the religious leaders who fear Jesus's growing popularity or Pontius Pilate, who washes his hands of the whole affair? As we reflect and meditate on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience wins for us, may our mantra of faith be, "Truly, this man was the Son of God!"

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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



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

**ST. JOSEPH,
MIDDLETOWN**

**PENANCE
SERVICE
(CONFESSIONS)**

**HOLY WEDNESDAY
APRIL 1**

**10AM-12NOON
ENGLISH**

**5:00PM-7:00PM
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, Barbara Farkas, Steve Foster, Cheryl Fua, Cianna Gazperony, Hector Guerra, Alysia Hash, Jasmine Hash, Laura Hilton, Sandy Hood, 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.



Saturday, March 28, 4:00 p.m.

Nathan Fletcher+ By: Monica Huck

Palm Sunday, March 29, 9:30 a.m.

Antone August+ By: Toni Vecellio

Palm Sunday, March 29, 11:30 a.m.

James Serventi (Birthday)

By: Catherine, Jennifer, David & Stephanie

Tuesday, March 31, 8:30 a.m.

Muriel Selda(Birthday) By: Didi Manarang

Holy Thursday, April 2, 5:30 p.m.

Gail Erasmy+ By: Jane Cauley

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please pick up your Picnic baskets after Mass. Thanks to Laura Rosales. Thank you for the Support!

* 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.

*Easter Flower envelopes available at the back of our churches.

*Special Collection on Good Friday for Holy Land.

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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"The Lady of the Lake Guild will be having their annual bake sale during the weekend of Easter. Wonderful baked goods will be available after each of the Easter masses - 6:30 on Holy Saturday at St Joseph's, and on Sunday at 9:30 at St Joseph's, 11:30 at Our Lady of the Lake, and 4:00 at St Joseph's. The Guild appreciates your support for our repair projects and will gladly accept any donations for the sale."

COLLECTION – March 21 & 22

Our Lady of the Lake 4:00 pm - \$860

St. Joseph 9:30 am - \$1,352

St. Joseph 11:30 am - \$639

St. Joseph 4:00 pm - \$409

TOTAL COLLECTIONS - \$3,260

St. Joseph Feast Day - \$213

First Communion Collection \$330

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