

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

March 22, 2026

(707) 987-3676

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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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
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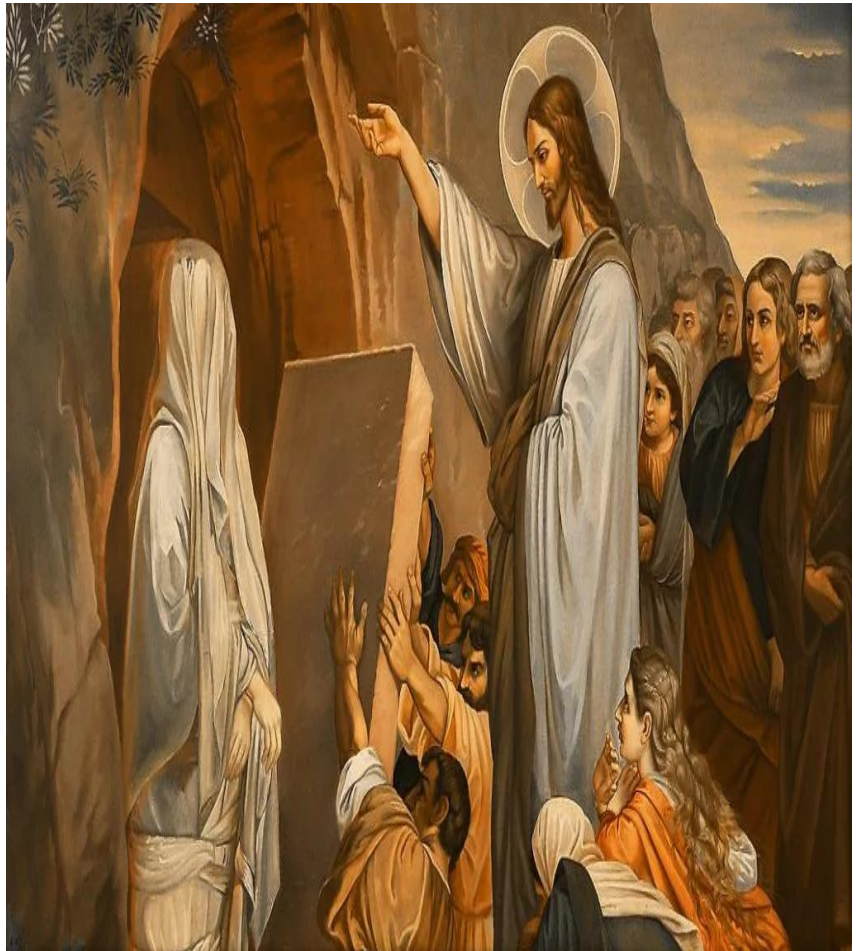
Anointing of the Sick

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)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus the Resurrection and the Life by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

Today, on this Fifth and Last Sunday of Lent, we again read from John. Our Gospel Reading (John 11:1-45) narrates the raising of Lazarus from the dead, the last of Jesus' miracles, uniquely found in John's Gospel. It is the miracle that incites the plot for Jesus' arrest and death! Jesus is in Jerusalem and is informed that Lazarus, His friend in Bethany, is ill. Jesus says, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." But Jesus waits for two days before going to Lazarus. Yes, the delay is intentional ... it is to transform a healing miracle into an even greater miracle, a resurrection from the dead ... clearly challenging us to trust in God's perfect timing! Unlike in Jesus' other miracles, where conversations and explanations follow after Jesus' performance of a miracle, today, we encounter the reverse. Perhaps, it is to emphasize the importance of Jesus' explanation of the meaning of the miracle ... not only to strengthen the disciples' faith but ours, too! We hear Jesus telling His disciples that Lazarus is asleep and will awaken him. His disciples misunderstand. So, Jesus explains that Lazarus is indeed dead and adds that He is glad that He was not there that they might believe. Next we hear the dialogue between Jesus and Martha who expresses her belief in a future resurrection. This leads to Jesus' revelation of one of His "I Am" statements, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Jesus reveals Himself as the present and active "Resurrection and the Life." Jesus next encounters Mary, who like Martha, tells Him that if He had been there, Lazarus would not have died! Even the mourners echo the same sentiment, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" Nobody understands Jesus' goal of being late, that is, to reveal the "Glory of God" that all may believe! To Martha's another expression of doubt, Jesus says, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" Jesus then prays showing He is one with the Father and calls Lazarus out. And Lazarus emerges from the grave, revealing Jesus' authority over death! With Martha and Mary, let us profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the "Resurrection and the Life!"

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PARISH ANNOUCEMENTS

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.

*No Weekday (8:30AM) English Mass on Thursday (March 26) and Friday (March 27).

*We Need Volunteers to make the Crosses for the Outdoor Station of the Cross. (March 28, Saturday @9:00am)

*Sign-up for the Washing of Feet, Carrying the Cross and Readers for Good Friday Station of the Cross, Lectors and Servers for the Holy Week and Easter Celebrations.

*Easter Flower envelopes available at the back of our churches. (Please Donate so we can order the Easter Lilies)

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

LAST WEEKEND TO ORDER!!

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Palm Sunday Picnic Basket

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- 32 Ounces of Beans
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- Tortillas (Choice of Flour or Corn)
- Chips

OTHER OPTIONS- VEGAN AVAILABLE

ADD FISH CEVICHE-32 OUNCES **\$20**



ADD FLAN **\$10**



Proceeds towards the Multi-Purpose Hall

TO ORDER- AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES OR TEXT LAURA ROSALES-(707)569-6838

DEADLINE TO ORDER: MARCH 22



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, 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 21, 4:00 p.m.

Ed Nickerman+ By: Our Lady of the Lake Guild

Sunday, March 22, 9:30 a.m.

Fr. Lawrence, as he renews his priestly vows, and for our parishioners and staff

By: Loving Parishioners

Sunday, March 22, 11:30 a.m.

Forrest Bernadsky+ By: John & Mary Jo Gawley

Wednesday, March 25, 8:30 a.m.

Johnathan Slikkerveer+ By: Monica Huck

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



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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.**

*** 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.**

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 14 & 15

- Our Lady of the Lake 4:00 pm - \$567**
- St. Joseph 9:30 am - \$1,123**
- St. Joseph 11:30 am - \$916**
- St. Joseph 4:00 pm - \$498**
- TOTAL COLLECTIONS - \$3,104**

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stjoseph-middletown.com
"I am the vine; you are the branches"*



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