

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

April 12, 2026

707 987-3676



Pastoral Staff

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza - Pastor
Sandy Hood - Office Manager

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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.

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SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY



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)

SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Tomb Called to Believe Without Seeing by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

The Feast of Divine Mercy, declared by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000, is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, now also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Today, as in every Divine Mercy Sunday, we read the same verses from John's Gospel (John 20:19-31). It starts on the evening of the eight day after the discovery of the empty tomb and ends a week later.

Jesus appears amidst His disciples who are in a locked place, in fear of the Jews, and says, "Peace be with you." He then shows His hands and His side and the disciples rejoice on seeing Him. "Peace be with you," Jesus repeats, then adds, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." That is, Jesus commissions His disciples to continue the work He has begun. Next, Jesus reveals the implicit connection between the gift of the Holy Spirit and the forgiveness of sins and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." When the disciples tell Thomas, who was not with them then, that they had seen Jesus, Thomas responds, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later, the disciples including Thomas, are again in a locked room and Jesus appears and says, "Peace be with you." Then addresses Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answers Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" "The story of Thomas invites us to reflect on our human struggle to believe without seeing, to believe even when faced with difficult circumstances and uncertainties. Notably, Jesus does not cast out Thomas. In fact, He shows up again offering the evidence Thomas asks for. This suggests that doubting or questioning is a normal part of our faith and spiritual growth. However, Jesus also says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." May Jesus' words boost our faith and by virtue of our Baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit, may we, who are called to believe without seeing, wholeheartedly profess as in the words of Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" Moreover, let us thank our Lord for the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and be visible reminders of His Divine Mercy and redemptive love to others!

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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

***Potluck Dinner to Welcome Bishop Vasa for the Confirmation on April 25 after the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph**

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

***AMA - As of April 1 our pledges totaled \$12,035. Our goal is \$12,400. We are needing an additional \$365 in pledges to make our goal this year, anything over that amount will be returned to the parish. Thank you for your generosity!**

*****LAKE COUNTY OUTDOOR PASSION PLAY
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Donations are gratefully accepted! We invite you to join us in the story of the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Please pray for the sick in our parish, our families & friends, and those who care for them....Mary Ann Arnold, 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.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*Mass Time at Our Lady of the Lake will change from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Memorial Day Weekend, May 23, 2026.

*No Mass at Our Lady of the Lake on April 25 due to the Confirmation Schedule.



Saturday, April 11, 4:00 p.m.

Gail Erasmy+ By: Sandy Hood

Sunday, April 12, 9:30 a.m.

Tony Citko+ By: Peter & Pinky Ventura

Margaret Farman(Sp) By: Ned & Sally Munger

Sunday, April 12, 11:30 a.m.

Helen Mondavi Ventura+ By: Peter & Pinky Ventura

Henry Mondavi Fink+ By: Peter & Pinky Ventura

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.**

COLLECTION – Easter

Easter Vigil - \$660

Our Lady of the Lake 11:30 am - \$1623

St. Joseph 9:30 am - \$6220

St. Joseph 4:00 pm - \$480

Total Easter Collection \$8983

Holy Thursday - \$409

Good Friday - \$295

Thank you for your generosity!

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