

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

April 5, 2026

707 987-3676



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.
Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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)

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Faith in The Empty Tomb by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

On Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. It is the second longest Season in our Liturgical Year spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday! We have three options for today's Gospel Reading, all happening on Resurrection day, but let us reflect on St. John's account of this glorious day (John 20:1-9). Mary Magdala goes to the tomb early in the morning and sees the stone removed from the tomb. She then rushes to Simon Peter and the other disciple Jesus loved and says, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." This tells us that Mary Magdala assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen, and does not say that Jesus has been raised from the dead!

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple run to the tomb and while the beloved disciple arrives first, he does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter arrives and enters the tomb. Both see the burial cloths and the cloth that covered Jesus' head rolled up in separate places. The detail of the rolled-up cloths being in the tomb offers evidence that Jesus' body had not been stolen. That is, grave robbers would have taken the body with the burial cloths or if not, they would not have bothered to neatly roll them up. Notably, St. John narrates that the beloved disciple, the one who arrives at the tomb first, "saw and believed." Yes, while the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection, the details call us to reflect on the gift of "faith in Jesus and His Resurrection." Like the beloved disciple ... even when the disciples did not yet understand the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead ... we, too, are invited to declare, "We believe!" That is, if we open our hearts to the Lord's love, identify ourselves to a role of having a close bond and relationship with Jesus as the beloved disciple had with Jesus, our Easter faith would lead us to recognize the real meaning of the empty tomb, without having to wait for appearances of the risen Lord for proof of His Resurrection! Moreover, with gratitude, like Mary of Magdala, the devoted disciple who accompanied Jesus through His passion and death, let us all be witnesses to Jesus' Resurrection and share the Good News of the empty tomb with 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



HAPPY EASTER!!!

FROM FR. LAWRENCE &
PARISH STAFF

Our Warm Welcome to the Catholic Faith & St. Joseph
Parish Family
**JASON PETEK &
SOMPRADHANA PERRY**



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, Easter Vigil, April 4, 6:30 p.m.

Armando Navarro & Edita Acero++ By: Jon & Joy Family

Easter Sunday, April 5, 9:30 a.m.

Tony & Mary Ann Arnold(sp) By: St. Joseph Prayer Group

Capt Lucille Edmond USN+ By: Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

Julieta Brigole+ By: Jane & Chris Brigole

Easter Sunday, April 5, 11:30 a.m.

Marie Alegre Macedo+ By: Rick & Suzanne Macedo

James Perry+ By: Weiss Family

Anthony Scalese 80th Birthday By: Yvette Scalese, Delia & Anita

Tuesday, April 7, 8:30 a.m.

Carole Draper By: Toni Vecellio

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Our Lady of the Lake Guild Bake Sale Today!**

***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.**

***Judy Knight Celebration of Life, April 11 at Pioneer Park, Calistoga 12 Noon to 1 p.m. Reception 1715 Mora Ave, Calistoga RSVP to the office.**

***Easter Flower offering envelopes in the front of the church.**

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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***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.**

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

***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 goals this year, anything over that amount will be returned to the parish. Thank you for your generosity!**

COLLECTION – March 28 & 29

Our Lady of the Lake 4:00 pm - \$749

St. Joseph 9:30 am - \$1,916

St. Joseph 11:30 am - \$646

St. Joseph 4:00 pm - \$584

TOTAL COLLECTIONS - \$3,895

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