

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

April 26, 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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



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 EASTER

Jesus, Our Sole Gate to Eternal Life by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, also Good Shepherd Sunday, is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In each of the Three Lectionary Cycles, the Gospel Reading is taken from Chapter 10 of John's Gospel inviting us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd, devotedly taking care of His flock! In this Lectionary Cycle A, our Gospel Reading (John 10:1-10) focuses on Jesus as the gate of the sheepfold. It starts with Jesus' declaration, "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep." Adding to his metaphor of the sheep, Jesus says that the gatekeeper recognizes the shepherd and opens the gate for him. Moreover, the sheep also recognize the shepherd's voice and follow him ... but would not do to a stranger whose voice they do not recognize. It is worth noting that today's Gospel Reading follows the story of Jesus' healing of the man born blind we heard last 4th Sunday of Lent. Jesus' metaphor of the sheep is directly addressed to the Pharisees' blindness to the truth yet they do not understand Him. Thus, Jesus doubles down on the metaphor and says, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them." Throughout John's Gospel, the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching, making themselves the "thieves and robbers" who do not care for their flock. Jesus again says, "I am the gate," then adds, "Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they may have life, and have it more abundantly." Through the metaphor, Jesus identifies Himself both as the Shepherd and the Gate. He is the Gate through which the Shepherd and the sheep following their Shepherd pass. He is the Gate that protects His sheep from danger during the night and through which the Shepherd leads His sheep to find pasture during the day, providing for their nourishment and for their life in abundance!

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us keep in mind Jesus's words and pray for more shepherds of the Church who follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to Him and by being good shepherds to their flocks!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED



Anselmo Perales-Negrete - St. Nicholas
Benjamín Lawrence Pimentel - St. John Bosco
Itzel Ramírez-Walle - Mary(Queen of all Saints)
Jenny Alicia García - St. Francis Assisi
Jocelyn Pamatz Saucedo - Mary(Queen of all Saints)
Kenya Isadora Andrade García - St. Joan of Arc
Madeline Rose de la Torre - St. Rita
Nayeli Negrete-Perales - St. Joan of Arc
Pedro Fabian Gutiérrez - St. Peter
Thomas Rex Ramírez-Correa - St. Thomas
Yaritza González Rodríguez - St. Jude

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

***St. Joseph Annual Banquet Fundraiser is scheduled for May 9. We are now collecting auction items at the office. Tickets available after mass or get your tickets in the office.**

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



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 Tamborini, 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



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Announcements continued...

*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.

* Join us for the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Queen of May, on May 2(Sat) at Our Lady of the Lake and May 3 9Sun) at St. Joseph in all Masses. Thanks to Toni Vecellio for the Crowns.

LAKE COUNTY OUTDOOR PASSION PLAY
MAY 17 & 18TH 4-6 p.m.
ADMISSION IS FREE
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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.



Sunday, April 26, 9:30 a.m.

Norma Ponce+ By: Jane & Chris Brigole

Sunday, April 26, 11:30 a.m.

Angelita Thuesen(HB) By: Aram Thuesen

Tuesday, April 28, 8:30 a.m.

Leslie Degrange(HB)

Wednesday, April 29, 8:30 a.m.

Angie Lagle(HB) By: Bill & Diedra Lagle

We are honored to welcome Bishop Vasa who is visiting St. Joseph this weekend for Confirmation

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.**

***Mother's Day Spiritual Remembrance Envelopes are available on the tables at both churches. These envelopes will be put on our altar, and we will begin to pray for our deceased mothers, grandmothers, etc. Father's Day Envelopes will be available towards the end of May.**

COLLECTION – April 18 & 19
Our Lady of the Lake 4:00 p.m. - \$1125
St. Joseph 9:30 a.m. - \$1338
St. Joseph 11:30 a.m. - \$917
St. Joseph 4:00 p.m. - \$516
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