

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

May 17, 2026

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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

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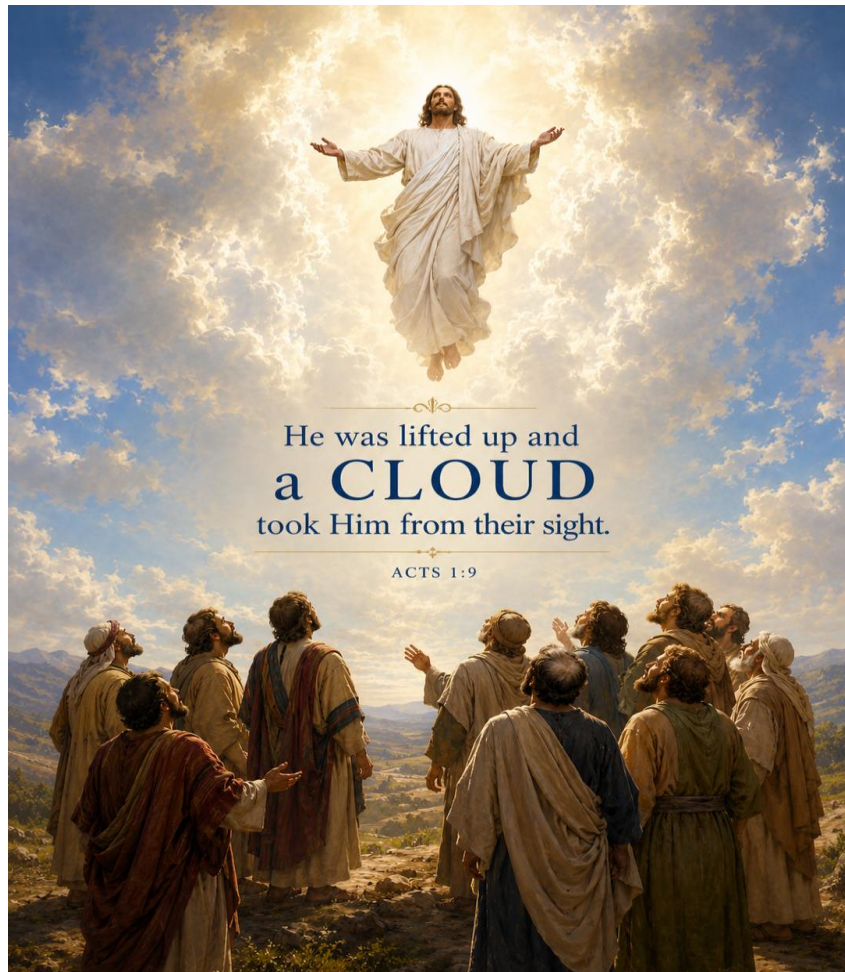
For those who are elderly, seriously ill,
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parish office.

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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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



He was lifted up and
a **CLOUD**
took Him from their sight.

ACTS 1:9

MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady of the Lake Mission – 12836 Hwy 175, Loch Lomond
Saturday Mass 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

St. Joseph Church - Middletown 9:30 a.m. (English)
Our Lady of the Pines – Whispering Pines 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)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Heeding Jesus' Final Commission by Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It marks the conclusion of Jesus' earthly mission and the inauguration of the Church's mission! Jesus ascends not to abandon humanity, but to be present in a new way through the Holy Spirit empowering the Church to continue His mission. Today's Gospel Reading (Matthew 28:16-20) narrates the last recorded encounter of Jesus with His disciples and His last words to them. It follows Matthew's account of the discovery of Jesus' empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary telling them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." Thus, the eleven disciples return to Galilee where Jesus would meet up with them, as directed, not knowing what they would encounter. Notably, Galilee was where it all began and Galilee, it seems, would mark, not the end ... but a new beginning! This moment with Jesus would be an important time for the disciples to discover what is next after the recent catastrophic events that sent them hiding in fear! And here, atop a mountain in Galilee, we hear Jesus' Great or Final Commission to His disciples, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for. We remember that Jesus had sent out the twelve apostles in pairs to preach the Kingdom of God, to heal the sick and cast out demons. At that time, however, the twelve were sent only to the House of Israel, avoiding Samaritan or Gentile cities. In this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." Yes, the mission of Jesus including to "baptize in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" is now to be taken to all peoples. Our Gospel Reading ends with, "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of age." What a reassuring and comforting statement to the disciples as they are called to perform Jesus' Final Commission. What a reassuring and comforting statement to us all as we are all similarly called to perform our respective roles in "making disciples of all nations ... and teaching them all that Jesus has commanded." May we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and heed Jesus' Final Commission!

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YOU ARE A Daughter OF GOD

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord

LUKE 1:38

WOMEN'S RETREAT
SATURDAY JULY, 18, 2026
Cathedral of St. Eugene | Bilingual Event

JOIN US
Open to women 18 and older welcoming and accessible to all stages of the faith journey.
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
\$50 Early Bird
\$75 after June 1
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GUEST SPEAKERS
Jessica Echeverry & Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa

FOR QUESTIONS:
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

***The St. Joseph Annual Banquet Fundraiser was a tremendous success again this year. We are grateful to JANE CAULEY and her committee. Our total sales are over \$20k. We await the final bill from Twin Pine, plus we have additional money owed, so as of the printing of this bulletin, our figures are not final. Congratulations to everyone for paying our annual insurance again this year.**

***Mass time at Our Lady of the Lake will change to 5:00 p.m. beginning next weekend, May 23. Mass time will revert back to 4:00 p.m. after Labor Day Weekend.**

***Mass at the outdoor church will begin next weekend on Sunday, May 24 at 11:30 a.m. Our Lady of the Pines Mass will continue at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday until after Labor Day Weekend**

***Mass at St. Joseph at 11:30 a.m. has been cancelled for the summer and will begin again after Labor Day Weekend.**

***Coffee Social will be held next weekend, May 24 after the 9:30 a.m. mass. All are welcome, please join us!**

**LAKE COUNTY OUTDOOR PASSION PLAY begins this weekend MAY 16 & 17TH 4-6 p.m.
ADMISSION IS FREE 7010 WESTLAKE RD.
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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*

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, 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, Doug Kloppenburg, 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, Cindy Perez, Elinor Rich, Grace Q, Stefan Ripich, Maureen Rixen, Silas Schneider, 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.**

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 in this Easter Season!

Announcements continued...

*AMA results as of May 1 indicates we have met our goal, but only if all pledges are paid by the end of the year. Thank you for your support and generosity. Paid donations after we have paid our total goal will be returned to our parish.

*Small Calistoga parish has part-time positions available in the parish office and in faith formation. For more information please email LNorcia@SRdiocese.org or call 707-566-3322.

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Saturday, May 16, 4:00 p.m.

Jim Perry+ Requested by: Perry Family

Jerry McCormick+ Requested by: Tom & Martha O'Brien

Sunday, May 17, 9:30 a.m.

Lon Scott+ Requested by: Annie Scott

Lou Horvath(sp) Requested by: Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

Sunday, May 17, 11:30 a.m.

John Johnson+ Requested by: Robert Krause

Johnathon Slikkerveer+ Requested by: Monica Huck

Samuel Murphy+ Requested by: Monica Huck

Tuesday, May 19, 8:30 a.m.

Lennie Trommelen-Driedijk By: Lynn & Geoff Lohner-Hasz

Wednesday, May 20, 8:30 a.m.

Nieves & Doning Panlasigui++ Requested by: Didi Manarang

Thursday, May 21, 8:30 a.m.

Lennie Trommelen-Driedijk By: Lynn & Geoff Lohner-Hasz

Friday, May 22, 8:30 a.m.

Paul & Carmela Baker(sp) Requested by: Noele DaRosa

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 – May 9 & 10

Our Lady of the Lake - \$838

St. Joseph 9:30 a.m. - \$2392

St. Joseph 11:30 a.m. - \$702

St. Joseph 4:00 p.m. - \$343

Total Collection \$4275

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