

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

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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
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Pastor after Mass

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By appointment at least six months in
advance

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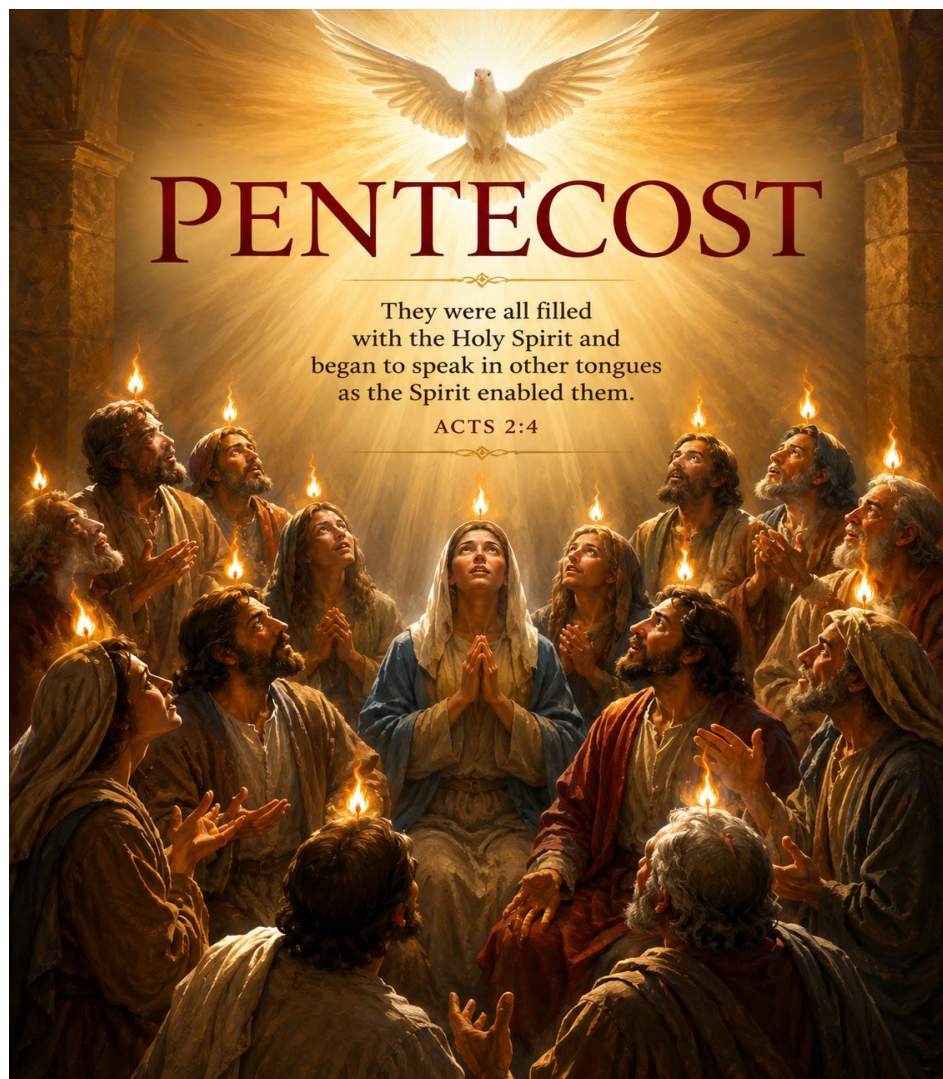
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or scheduled for surgery, please call the
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Office 707 987-3676

Parish Office Hours:

Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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PENTECOST

They were all filled
with the Holy Spirit and
began to speak in other tongues
as the Spirit enabled them.

ACTS 2:4

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, Forest Lake Rd 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)

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Empowered by the Holy Spirit Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

Today's celebration, the Solemnity of Pentecost, marks the end of the Easter Season and the beginning of the Church. Today's readings invite us to reflect on the pouring out of the Holy Spirit not only on Jesus' disciples but also on us all believers! In particular, our First Reading (Acts 2:1-11) describes the story of Pentecost. Fifty days after Jesus' Resurrection, the disciples are all together in one place when suddenly "there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind ... then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." The first manifestation of their reception of the Holy Spirit is when the apostles begin speaking in different tongues as the Spirit enables them to proclaim. A crowd of Jews, coming from different geographical regions, are able to understand them in their own native languages. On this day, as we are to learn in subsequent verses of our First Reading, about 3,000 get baptized and are added to the believers of Christ ... and thus, the day of Pentecost is considered the official birthday of our Church!

Today's Gospel Reading (John 20:19-23), that we also read on the 2nd Sunday of Easter, narrates another event of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. On the evening of Easter Sunday, the Risen Lord appears to His disciples who were in a locked room and gives them a foretaste of Pentecost. Jesus empowers His disciples to forgive sins by breathing upon them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jesus' words remind us of the integral connection between the Holy Spirit and the gift of forgiveness! Both events are fulfillments of Jesus' promise to send His disciples another advocate, a helper who would enable them to be His witnesses throughout the world! Yes, we learn that through the Holy Spirit, the disciples become transformed individuals empowered to perform what Jesus wants them to do. Challenged to continue the mission of Jesus in our troubled world, let us all open our hearts to the Holy Spirit ... and like the disciples, be empowered to perform our respective roles as baptized members of the Church in sharing the Good News of our salvation with others.

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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

*Happy Memorial Day!

*Mass time at Our Lady of the Lake changes this weekend from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Our outdoor church, Our Lady of the Pines, will open this weekend for Mass at 11:30 a.m. Mass will continue throughout the summer and end on Labor Day weekend.

*The 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph on Sunday is cancelled during the summer months. This Mass will resume after Labor Day weekend.

*Fr. Lawrence will be away from June 15th to 26th. There will be no weekday Masses during this time.

*A missionary priest will visit our parish for a Mission Appeal on the weekend of June 20 & 21. Please support the Mission Appeal!

*Father's Day envelopes are available at the back of our churches.

*Wine for Sale – we had wine left over from our banquet. We will be selling it after the 9:30 a.m. Mass this weekend. \$25 for red and \$15 for a bottle of white. Thank you Jose Ramierz!

*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.**



Saturday, May 23, 5:00 p.m.

Our Family's Blessings Requested by Naomi Tambornini

Sunday, May 24, 9:30 a.m.

John Larson+ Requested by Annie Scott

Lenie Trommelen-Driedijk+ Requested by Bep Zolczynski

Sunday, May 24, 11:30 a.m.

For the people

Thursday, May 28, 8:30 a.m.

Rochelle Tambornini(HB) Requested by Fernande Family

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...

***Congratulations and thank you for supporting our St. Joseph Annual Fundraiser Banquet at Twin Pine Casino on May 9. Total income for event was \$22699. Our total expenses amounted to \$3,930. We have \$18,769 to pay our insurance. As always, we are grateful for your generosity and support.**

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 16 & 17

Our Lady of the Lake - \$609

St. Joseph 9:30 a.m. - \$1380

St. Joseph 11:30 a.m. - \$657

St. Joseph 4:00 p.m. - \$285

Total Collection \$2931

***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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