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# St. Joseph Catholic Church

**Newsletter – April 2026**

Dear Parishioners,

**Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The blessed month of April opened with the beautiful celebration of the Sacred Triduum ... the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. A Liturgical Celebration, spanning three days yet treated as a single continuous Liturgy, began with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, continued through the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday and concluded with the Easter Vigil on Saturday. It was a profoundly fitting Celebration which drew us more deeply into the mystery of our salvation!

April wonderfully bridged the quiet stillness of winter and the vibrant life of spring. The gentle April showers nourished the earth, softened the soil and yielded new life of blooming flowers that brightened our surroundings. The natural renewal reflected the joy of the Easter Season. Just as the rain awakened the earth, so did Christ's Resurrection bring forth hope from despair and light from darkness!

This month, we joyfully celebrated the Confirmation of ten young members of our Parish. We warmly welcomed our Bishop, His Excellency Robert Vasa, who graciously officiated the Confirmation Mass during his pastoral visit on the vigil of Good Shepherd Sunday. Eternally grateful for his presence, his good shepherding and pastoral care for our Parish community.

Yes, formal classes have concluded but may we all unceasingly pray that our confirmands will continue their journey of faith with Christ. May they be true to their "adult choice" to confirm the promises made at baptism on their behalf. Moreover, may they positively respond to the call to be witnesses and defenders of the faith, to be true soldiers of Christ. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Martha O'Brien, our dedicated catechist, her assistant Yadira Casas and our religious directress Pam Quiroz. I also sincerely thank all parents and guardians for their sacrifices and commitment in supporting the children's faith formation.

We have begun constructing the roof for our container storage, as required by Lake County. My sincere thanks to Francisco Cervantes for his generous labor and dedication. I humbly continue to ask for your support as we raise funds for our Storage and Multi-Purpose Hall Project.

My heartfelt thanks for your generosity to the Diocese Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA). Our latest report showed pledges totaling \$12,035 toward our goal of \$12,400, a shortfall of only \$365. I encourage everyone's further generosity to cover the shortfall and more that will allow us a rebate! Thank you in advance for your invaluable continued support.

Looking ahead, I warmly invite everyone to support and attend our Annual St. Joseph Banquet Fundraiser on May 9, Saturday, at Twin Pine Casino and Hotel to raise funds for the insurance premiums of our three Churches and the Rectory. We will have both silent and live auctions like the "Feast with the Priest", generously sponsored by Patrick and Lisa Lambert. My sincere thanks to all who have contributed such wonderful and unique auction items.

# Mass Times

## MASS TIMES

### Saturday's

Anticipated Mass

Our Lady of the Lake, Loch Lomond

4:00 p.m. English

### Sunday's

St. Joseph, Middletown

9:30 a.m. English

11:30 a.m. English

4:00 p.m. Spanish

Our Lady of the Pines

*Summer Only*

### Weekday Masses

St. Joseph, Middletown

Tuesday—Friday

8:30 a.m.– 9:00 a.m. English

### Friday

Every Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30 p.m. Spanish

Every Friday at 7:00 p.m. Exposition and

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Office Hours

By appointment 707-987-3676

**Confessions every Friday after Mass  
or by appointment**



**Saint Joseph Middletown**

March 2026 Collection Totals	
Mar 7/8	\$ 3,916.00
Mar 14/15	\$ 3,104.00
Mar 21/22	\$ 3,260.00
St. Joseph Feast & 1st Communion	\$ 543.00
Mar 28/29	\$ 3,895.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$ 14,718.00</b>
<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$ 17,202.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 2,484.00</b>

On a global note, Pope Leo XIV led a prayer vigil for peace urging world leaders to choose peace over conflict. Specifically, he prayed for the “enlightenment of the leaders of the nations that they may have the courage to abandon projects of death, halt the arms race and place the lives of the most vulnerable at the center.” Let us all join our Holy Father in prayer for peace throughout the world.

Entrusting our Parish families and community to the loving care of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to our Parish Patron Saint Joseph!

To God be the Glory!!!

In His Service,

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza  
Pastor

**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, 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, Elinor Rich, Grace Q, 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 and special intentions for all who suffer from cancer.**

**St. Joseph Annual Banquet  
Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Twin Pine Event Center  
Door opens at 5:00 p.m.  
\$70 per person  
Tickets must be purchased in  
advance.  
Contact Jane Cauley  
707-355-4398**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



For the St. Joseph Parishioners, sign up to Formed by Scanning the QR Code.

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!

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 & 18<sup>TH</sup> 4-6 p.m.  
ADMISSION IS FREE  
7010 WESTLAKE RD.  
UPPER LAKE, CA 95485**

**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.**