

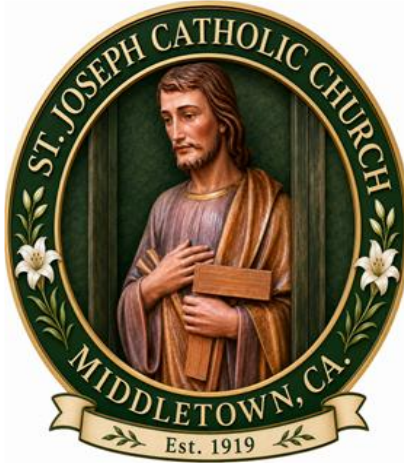
St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

June 28, 2026

707 987-3676



Pastoral Staff

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza - Pastor
Sandy Hood - Office Manager

Pam Quiroz - Rel Ed Director
Debbie Heidary-Newsletter/Website

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.

Office 707 987-3676

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.

P.O. Box 1350

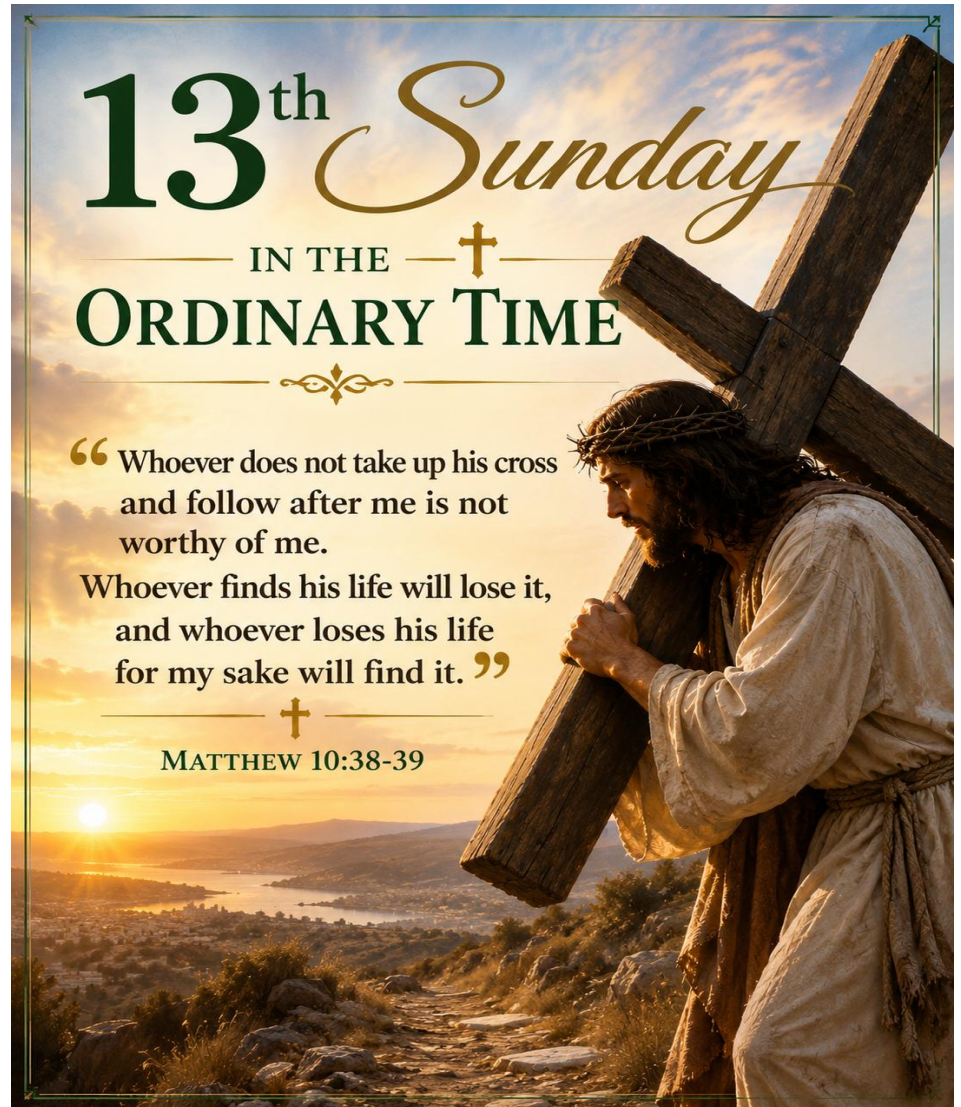
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Mass 5:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Lake Mission – 12836 Hwy 175, Loch Lomond

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)

13th Sunday in the Ordinary Time
Putting Jesus Above All Others -Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

On this 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, our Gospel Reading (Matthew 10:37-42) is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we heard Jesus offer to His disciples the past few weeks. He summarizes both the costs and rewards of discipleship! To strengthen our understanding of this narrative, let us not forget in which context this and the previous week's narratives were written and the perspective of Matthew's intended audience. The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh, yet they underline for us a fundamental truth! That is, choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. In particular, choosing a life with Christ means that all of our other relationships, including our relationship with our own family, must be viewed and understood from a new perspective!

Jesus' first statement in our Gospel Reading sets the tone to what He desires from His disciples, including us believers. He says, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son and daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Indeed, Jesus is calling us to prioritize our relationship with Him. Notably, putting Jesus, putting God, the source of all love ... above all others ... elevates the type of love we can give. It becomes a love rooted in His eternal truth and is aligned with the call to "take up one's cross" which means dying to one's own selfish desires and worldly plans and to follow God's will. Next, Jesus reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed Him ... and consequently, the One who sent Him. Then He shifts to the rewards for those caring for His messengers and followers. Welcoming and supporting those who speak for God like the prophets and the righteous result to sharing in their rewards and blessings! Jesus ends with the reassurance that no act of service, done in His name, is too insignificant as He says, "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple – amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." Indeed, God sees and honors even the smallest and most ordinary gesture of kindness done in His name! May we all be the welcoming and kind Christians Jesus wants us to be!

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When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

~ Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.

~ Every sitting photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory !

~ Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finishes and framing options for the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to your family and friends.

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ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPPOINTMENT SETTING

Go to the Universal Church Directories website

(www.ucdir.com)

Click on the box on the right of the homepage entitled
"photography appointment scheduling login"

Enter your church code **ca179**

Enter your Church password **catholic1**

Click on the Enter Button

Click on the desired photography date

Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired
photography appointment time.

Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated
by the asterisk)

Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the
screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your
family's name.

If you have more than six family members being photographed,
please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00
and 6:10)

Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's
photography appointment

**Contact your Church's online scheduling administrator to
change or cancel your photography appointment. Sandy at
707 513-3991, 707 987-3676 or stjoseph11@att.net.**

*please
pray for
the sick*

Please pray for the sick in our parish, our families & friends, and those who care for them...
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, 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.**

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Announcements continued...

Religious Education Classes information

July: Pre-registration for children to enroll in the religious education classes.

August: Registration for all children will take place in the classroom after 9:30 and 4:00 pm mass.

(Children must be at least age 7 or second grade) and Confirmation (Children must be age 11-17 or in grade 6-12) will take place in the classroom after mass each Sunday.

We need volunteer classroom assistants and substitutes for the Reconciliation class on Wed., First Holy Communion on Fri, and Confirmation on Sunday. You must be 18 years of age or above and fingerprinted. If you are interested, please call the office.



Saturday, June 27, 5:00 p.m.

Karl & Naomi (71st Anniversary) By: Fernande Family

Sunday, June 28, 9:30 a.m.

Fr. James McSweeney+ Requested by St. Joseph Parishioners

Bruce Nickerson+ Requested by Cherry Walls

Sunday, June 28, 11:30 a.m.

Greg Conley+ Requested by the OLOL Guild

Thursday, July 2, 8:30 a.m.

Brad Elliott+ Requested by Pamela Quiroz

Announcements continued...

*The Lady of the Lake Guild is having a fundraiser on the 4th of July at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Loch Lomond. It will consist of a Flea Market, BBQ, and Open House, from 10am to 3pm. Vendors are wanted, so please contact Suzanna Macedo at (707) 272-2518 if you wish to participate.

*Coffee Social this Sunday, June 28, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us for coffee, pastries and socializing.

*This weekend we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Envelopes are on the tables in the back of the churches. Please put in the second collection basket.

*If you are having trouble scheduling your photo session for the new parish directory, please contact Sandy in the office as she has access to the schedule and will happy to assist you.

COLLECTION – June 20 & 21

Our Lady of the Lake - \$459

St. Joseph 9:30 a.m. - \$1,759

Our Lady of the Pines 11:30 a.m. - \$367

St. Joseph 4:00 p.m. - \$520

Total Collection \$3,105

Mission Appeal for the Congregation of Jesus Mary Joseph, Guntur, India totaled \$2,880

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