

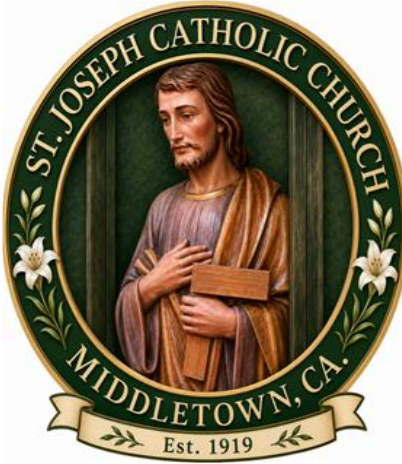
St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

July 5, 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.

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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14th Sunday

— IN THE —
ORDINARY TIME

“Take my yoke
upon you and learn
from me, for I am
meek and humble
of heart; and you
will find rest for
yourselves.”

—
MATTHEW 11:29

*“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”* Matthew 11:28

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)

14th Sunday in the Ordinary Time

Faith, Our Insight Into Spiritual Truths -Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

Today's Gospel passage on this 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time comes after a discourse where Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed His mighty deeds yet remained unbelieving. It is in this context that today's Gospel Reading (Matthew 11:25-30) explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals the need for faith! Our Gospel Reading begins with Jesus' prayer, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones." As in other recent passages from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who act to be wise and learned and the faithful disciples, tax collectors and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company. Next, Jesus calls our attention to the unity between the Father and Him. Jesus says, "No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal to him." That is, genuinely knowing God the Father is done only through the revelation of the Son, through Jesus' life and in His person! Our Gospel Reading concludes with Jesus' teaching also being contrasted with the teachings of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel reflects the tension that exists between Jesus and the Pharisees. Teachings of the Pharisees are experienced by some as difficult and burdensome ... and do they even lead to holiness? In contrast, Jesus presents a path that is uncomplicated and even restful as He says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." A very reassuring invitation, indeed, to the weary, to learn from Jesus and find rest! Overall, today's Gospel Reading presents a profound reminder that understanding the Kingdom of God relies on humble faith and not on intellectual prowess or worldly status, the likes of the Pharisees! And as Jesus also says, "Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will!" That is, God reveals His mysteries only to the humble of heart, who recognize their need for Jesus; and not to the worldly wise and arrogant who remain unbelieving even after witnessing Jesus' deeds! Like Jesus' disciples, with full and humble faith, let us open our hearts to the divine mysteries and spiritual truths that are impossible to be revealed otherwise!

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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 !

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Directory Committee

ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPPOINTMENT SETTING

(July 27- August 1)

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.

***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 be happy to assist you.**

*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, Nancy Ray, 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, July 4, 5:00 p.m.

Patricia Gandela & Anthony Navarro++ By Jon & Joy Family

Sunday, July 5, 9:30 a.m.

Lisa Barker+ Requested by Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

Ana Isabel Belchior & Jan DaRosa++ Requested by: Noele DaRosa

Sunday, July 5, 4:00 p.m.

Lourdes Borzoni+ Requested by The Borzoni Family

Tuesday, July 7, 8:30 a.m.

Ana Perry(HB) Requested by The Weiss Family

Thursday, July 9, 8:30 a.m.

George Cline+ Requested by Jane Cauley

Friday, July 10, 8:30 a.m.

Glynis & Moe (Anniversary) Requested by Fernande Family



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*** Save the Date and Mark your Calendar for Retreat**

August 15-For the Youth (In English)

August 16- Couples Retreat (In Spanish)

at Lambert's Retreat House, 10650 Gifford Springs Rd. Cobb

***Accepting Registration for the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). The OCIA is designed for unbaptized individuals, baptized Christians from other denominations, baptized but not catechized and adults Catholics seeking confirmation. If you or if you know someone is interested in beginning this Faith journey, please contact Fr. Lawrence or Consuelo Alcalde or the parish office.**

COLLECTION – June 27 & 28

Our Lady of the Lake - \$813

St. Joseph 9:30 a.m. - \$3,309

Our Lady of the Pines 11:30 a.m. - \$643

St. Joseph 4:00 p.m. - \$307

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